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Summing up his conclusions, Mr. Sweetser makes his most forceful argument: To place one's entire capital in the securities of an investment trust, or even of several investment trusts, "would violate the principles of sound investment management just as much as placing the entire capital in a single or a few securities. . . . The investor will lose nothing by waiting until the investment trusts have been operating long enough in this country to demonstrate the integrity and ability of their management and the results they are able to obtain."
To us this word of caution seems well worth passing on. Already in five short years there have been abandonments of investment trusts. Some, undoubtedly, of those that remain and of those still to be chartered will fail. Some, to us, seem soundly conceived and promising. But, after all, why does not reason demand that, as Mr. Sweetser says, "they should be looked upon as another type of security to consider and not as a solution of the problem of the investor"?

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A moving-picture producer on filming "The Passion Play" noticed that there were twelve Apostles. "Oh, that won't do," he said; "this is a big production. That number will have to be increased to twentyfour."
Sioux City, Iowa, holds the record, as far as we know, of being the only city in this country which has demonstrated at the box-office that it disapproves of the play "Abie's Irish Rose." Characterized as an inane and worthless drama by practically all of the theatrical critics, this play has run for five years in New York City. Even in Boston it surpassed all other plays by running thirty-four consecutive weeks to crowded houses. Wherever the play is produced in America it breaks all records. Therefore the management could not believe that the Sioux City people really meant their disapproval. The show was sent back again in a few weeks for a second appearance, and again met with complete failure. Is our center of culture moving from Massachusetts to the Middle West?
It is bad for the digestion to Fletcherize trouble.

Reports from the West state that "Dude ranches" are becoming more and more popular. There are thirty of them in Colorado alone. The largest one covers 30,000 acres of ground. In addition to riding, fishing, and boating, some of the "ranches" are providing full pack outfits for the "tenderfoot" tourists from the East and South.

The Stage-Hands' Union expects to insist in its forthcoming National Convention that a stage-hand be placed in every radio station, on the ground that these broadcasting stations furnish amusement. Churches -take warning!

Always agree with a fool; never contradict him. If he could suffer contradiction, he would not be a fool.

## From Punch:

Reproved by her country aunt for sprawling on the sofa and told that it was unladylike, a small English girl retorted: "Ladylike! Really, aunt, in our set it is considered very middle-class to be ladylike."
Speakers at the twenty-fifth annual Convention of Master Plumbers, held at Los Angeles, California, declared that bathroom scenes in the moving pictures have established a new standard in plumbing fixtures and that their business has been much helped thereby.

One of the best schoolboy howlers that we have heard is the definition of rhubarb as "a kind of celery gone bloodshot."
"The marvels of electricity have set me thinking."
"Yes, isn't it wonderful what electricity can do?"

Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, managing editor of the Funk \& Wagnalls Dictionary, announces that the twenty-six letters of our alphabet can be transposed $620,448,401,733,-$ $239,439,396,000$ times. Is it any wonder, asked the Louisville "Times," that proofreaders all have that hunted look?

We were aware that insurance is now available for almost any kind of a risk, but we had never heard before of the insurance now issued by Lloyd's which indemnifies a
writer against the cost of defending a lawsuit for libel.
The magnitude of the foreign sales of American-produced motion pictures is evidenced by the recent ies of the Department wi Commerce in "ington. The report reads:
"Statistical data $a_{i}$ coming to light regarding royalties in ir motion-picture industry which show unmistakably that for the last six years our receipts from motionpicture royalties have been at least $\$ 300$, , 000,000 , while our royalty payments for foreign films in that period have been scarcely $\$ 1,000,000$.
"Upon the basis of the most reliable sources and the most conservative estimates the figures for motion-picture royalties for the last five years are as follows: 1921, $\$ 40,000,000$; $1922, \$ 50,000,000 ; 1923$, $\$ 60,000,000 ; 1924, \$ 70,000,000 ; 1925, \$ 75,000,-$ 000 .
"Of the 1925 total, it has been estimated that Canada paid us $\$ 3,500,000$; Europe, $\$ 52,000,000$; Latin America, $\$ 7,500,000$; and Asia and the rest of the world, $\$ 12,000,000$."

Sweet Young Thing: "Why are you running that steam-roller thing over that field?"

Farmer: 'I'm going to raise mashed potatoes this year."
"If you cannot get along with two or three people," says Albert Edward Wiggam, "there may be something wrong with them. But if you cannot get on with ten or twelve people, there is something wrong with you."
The superintendent of a Western railway had issued strict orders instructing: station masters along the line to report all accidents or near-accidents immediately. The next day he received the following telegram:
"Man fell off platform in front of speeding engine. Will wire details later."
Five minutes later the details came over the wire.
"Everything o. k. Nobody hurt. Engine was going backward."
How to come out smiling from a bad loss is suggested by Edgar A. Guest in the "American Magazine." A merchant in a small town ran for office and was overwhelmingly defeated. He polled so few votes that he appeared ridiculous. He was in danger of being laughed at. "But," says Mr. Guest, "the merchant was a good sport. He beat the town to it. The morning after the election he put this sign in his window: ' $\$ 25$ reward for the name of the man who cast that vote for me.' Everybody saw it and laughed. But they laughed with him, and not at him."

Cheer up, Ed Howe says. 'Nothing' except the flood was ever as bad as it was reported to be."
The burning of the Shakespeare Theater at Stratford-on-Avon recalls the fact that David Garrick got up the first jubilee in honor of the bard one hundred and fifty years ago and lost money on the show, not the least part of which was James Boswell rigged up as a Corsican bandit with "Viva la liberta" displayed on his hat-band.

The following curious advertisement appeared in a Los Angeles paper: "Wanted: Champion Checker Players who know their onions." About thirty-five crack kingjumpers applied for the position. An investigation determined that one of the large motion-picture theaters wanted a champion checker player to sit in front of a theater and play all comers. Naturally, crowds gather around to watch every game.


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