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FROM THE FILES.

An editorial appearing in the last issue of The Mercury for 1923, expresses what we would say to our friends and patrons more aptly than we can do in the closing days of 1925. Apparently, that part of us from which editorials are more or less laboriously dug up each week has nothing along with the water pipes at our home and office.

So we refuse to write editorials, going to "steal" some of the stuff from the files and let you read it.

The Mercury—To Its Friends

The mailbag of country newspapers is usually interesting. Many of the letters, more or less personally known to the editor, are sent in for his curious, if not critical, study by the readers of the paper. Kind criticism and friendly assistance, a man said to be aside in the neighborhood came to Lancaster three weeks after Mrs. Carter lose and proceeded to solicit aid for her son. He called the ignorance, deliberately, securing money, clothing, bedding and other things; probably less than a check made payable to Mrs. Carter, which the unfortunate product another grave him bedding and clothes and the promise of a herd, he returned the following week. Mrs. Carter was very thankful for what she had been given, removed the bed to an outhouse and said he would return for it the next day. In fact, this man had been authorized by Mrs. Carter to solicit aid for her and he has never turned over any of the proceeds of his solicitations to her.

Many times during the course of a year the editor of this paper receives letters from people who have been in some way imposed upon by some scheming person in these communities. Sometimes the letters are brought to the office by the person who has been imposed upon, or who has been solicited for some worthless article, or who has been asked to contribute to some fake charity. Sometimes the letters are from persons who have been solicited by mail to subscribe to some publication which they have never heard of before and which they have no desire to read. Sometimes the letters are from persons who have been solicited by mail to buy some article which they have no use for.

Now, we are not complaining about the letters we receive. We are glad to get them. We are glad to have the opportunity to help our friends when they are in trouble. We are glad to have the opportunity to protect our friends from fakers and frauds. We are glad to have the opportunity to help our friends in any way we can. We are glad to have the opportunity to be of service to our friends in any way we can. We are glad to have the opportunity to be of service to our friends in any way we can.