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The part of discipline in the national economy.

Where does our practicability come from? Discipline? Passion for invention - for promotion of that invention - and distribution of that invention? Where are its proofs of its thrifts - savings - wise handling? Here I could quote Whitney and the interview on Young and use more of what Young said than Whitney commented on about the effect ~~that~~ Germany's necessity to work was bound to have on her future economic place in the world.

Yesterday I talked with my taxi man. "We are so glad to get a fare these days." "How is it," I ask. "Still busy?"

"No," he said, "people are walking these days - not riding. Too many taxis for present demand. We are one of those surpluses they talk about.

"Guess it is our own fault. I pick up more foreigners that can hardly talk the English language than I do Americans. They have got money and why? Because they have sense about handling money that we haven't. I talk with these friends of mine. They came over here immigrants. They work and out of every dollar they make they save twenty-five cents. We don't do that. I never did that. None of us taxi men do it. We make the dollar, we spend it and a little more. We have been living on our hopes in this land. It is time we got down to hard pan, learn something from these foreigners. Never again for me. I save twenty five out of every dollar. after this."

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