HICKORY, DICKORY DOCK.

Hickory, dickory, dock, the OPA ran up the clock! But wait a second. Washington, where hundreds of thousands of workers depend on a sleep-shattering clock to awaken them to duty, is out of clocks. So it wasn't surprising when a certain gentleman who had been on duty for a milking concern in Cuba and Latin America for six years and who brought 120 clocks with him, should have a lot of customers. He inserted a small ad, "Clocks For Sale" and customers appeared at once. Then some one told him there was a ceiling price on clocks. He hadn't heard about OPA. But he wanted no trouble so he stopped selling clocks to eager customers until he could check with OPA. So OPA run up the clock business.

40,000 FOREIGN PATENTS.

Patents are valuable. When war broke, we quickly established an Alien Property Custodian who without delay took over 25,000 patents owned by citizens of enemy countries, 15,000 patents belonging to citizens of countries now occupied by the enemy, and 5,500 patent applications. They include patent rights on some of the finest pieces of chemical and engineering research in the field of dyestuffs, electrical goods, chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Except for those patents on which some industry holds an exclusive license, any American firm or citizen can obtain a license, royalty-free to use these patents. Full information can be obtained by writing the Office of Alien Property Custodian, Chicago, Illinois.

HAVE SOME PORTERHORSE SE

Some states have laws forbidding the sale of horsemeat. Not so, the District of Columbia. Horse meat went on sale this week. Better cuts sold at 29 to 33¢ per pound. About 250 pounds were sold the first day. The meat is obtained from western horses, fattened on corn. From now on it may be "porterhorse, medium well."

SO SAYS THE TREASURY.

Remember the old superstition about the unlucky $2 bills. Well, here's bad news. There are nearly 311/2 million of those bills still in circulation. It takes 150 persons in the Treasury Department to audit worn-out currency. The average life of a bill is about 7 months. We know a lot of folks who are certain that paper money don't last that long.

PAY ROLL SAVINGS.

More than 19 million persons in 160,000 private industries together with 2 million in the armed services and 2½ million in the government service are enrolled in the payroll war-savings plan. The average saving invested in war bonds and stamps is $14.40 per month. Five million persons are investing 10% of their income.

BOOTLEGGERS FLOURISH IN THE SOUTH.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, Treasury agents seized 11,372 bootleg stills and 5 million gallons of mash. Interesting thing about this figure is it's geographical aspects. No stills were seized in Arizona, District of Columbia or Wyoming. There was 1 in Nebraska 9 in Wisconsin, 70 in Illinois. But look. Agents seized 1,770 in Alabama 2355 in Georgia, 1285 in North Carolina, 674 in Virginia, 986 in South Carolina, 744 in Tennessee, 603 in Florida, 496 in Mississippi, and 633 in Kentucky. Considering the area, there must still be a thirst for mountain dew. Since July 1, 1942, seizures have dropped by 50%. Know why? It's on account of sugar rationing. Page Old Man Henderson.