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OUR MOTTO
BLIND AS A BAT TO EVERYTHING BUT RIGHT.

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'TWOULD VOMIT A SOW

We've tasted bad things; we've smelt bad things; we've felt bad things; we've heard bad things, and we've read bad things, but "The Cosmopolitan Society" of New York City has pulled off the damndest conglomeration of abominations this side of the muddy waters of perdition.—We said it was "society" that did this, and we suppose that it's right to say that "society" was at the bottom of this festering, dung-colored eruption; but if New York Society is made up of a "nigger" loving, Rastus worshipping, and Dinah adulation club; then rig my earthly canoe up for hell, and push her off as soon as the gang plank is pulled up; that is if this country is ever going to subscribe to the doctrines preached at that "Cosmopolitan Society" gathering in New York, which advocated SOCIAL EQUALITY between the human family and the negro.

At Peck's restaurant in greater New York, located at one hundred and forty Fulton Street, fawning white skinned men, matrons and girls mixed promiscuously and lovingly with kinky headed bucks and wenches, and twenty white

skinned "she's" sat beside negro studs at the festal board, and these pale faced female naughts with the ring knocked off, some in decollette dresses, with amorous buck niggers gazing upon their naked hides, unblushingly mingled and comingled with this tribe who smell eth like a warm billy goat.

The Rev. Madison C. Peters, had been invited to deliver an address at this unnamable and unmentionable gathering, and arrived on time to perform the task, but after getting a glimpse of the inside of this restaurant, he slunk away like a cowardly cur, and refused to address this variegated audience of nonentities, but didn't have manhood enough in his puny soul to give a reason why he refused to deliver his address.—Why, God bless his soul-saving liver, if his manhood had been done up in a package that would have brought two-bits in a land where manhood was above par, he would have pushed up his sleeves and told that audience in seven different language to go to hell further than a humming bird could fly between now and the time Bryan is ever elected president.

It is said that Captain H. A. Thompson, a fidgity buck, was the center of attraction, and that the white skinned female nothings who attended this "nigger feed" frothed at the mouth to get to pay him homage, and that Isabelle Eaton and Marion Dolittle (God knows she's rightly named) tied themselves into double bow-knots to pay this ebony hided "captain" homage.—God bless them, I truly hope that each one of them will marry an amonous buck "nigger" and bring forth "nigger" triplets at least twice every eighteen months until they are ninety years old.

It is said that a Mrs. Anna Allen (dwell on the "Mistress," brethren) a wealthy skillet colored "lady" of Brooklyn (dwell long on the "lady" sisters), was the center of attraction, and we suppose that H. G. Willard, who is editor of "The New York Evening Post", and who was at this black and tan love feast, edged up close to the aromatic skirts of "Mrs." Allen.

In the audience was a Miss Marie Perrin, a female pale face, and in our estimation, she had more sense, more modesty and

more womanhood in her soul than all the others, as she refused to give her address, and we do not blame her a dam bit for not doing it; and the only way that she could have given her address to harmonize with this "nigger" love feast, would have been to have mentioned an insane asylum.

Among the speeches that were delivered at this "function" nearly all the speakers advocated "INTERMARRIAGE" among the blacks and whites, and a "SKUNK" by the name of Holt, declared that "CONDITIONS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE IN THE SOUTH BEFORE THEY GET BETTER", and further stated that "WHEN THE COLORED PEOPLE GET EDUCATED, THE WHITE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH WILL HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS THEIR EQUAL."—Why, God bless you, Mr. Holt, you had better get another "holt" on this subject, as you can just as reasonably expect the white people of the South to drop down to the level of a lame jackass as to the level of an educated "coon."—In the first place, there is no such a thing as educating a "nigger" as the only thing that you can make out of him

The preachers and priests of this country presume upon the laboring man's IGNORANCE when they try to make him believe that GOD ALMIGHTY will give him a BETTER home after he is DEAD than he will while he is ALIVE.—If God will permit GRAFTERS to force HIS CHILDREN to live in SHACKS HERE BELOW, perhaps the same conditions might exist UP ABOVE.—The RIP-SAW don't blame GOD for our SHACKS, but DOES blame the damphool voters.

is an IMITATOR, and you can't mention, Brother Holt, a land under the shining canopy of heaven where the negro has had full sway but what it has gone back into barbarism, and if you can truthfully mention any country where the conditions are the reverse I will agree to let you ride me bare-backed, in a gallop, up and down through the main thoroughfare of any city you may mention.

We could go on and give you the names of a number of chalk faced females who attended this "Cosmopolitan Society" but in the name of Theodore Roosevelt and Booker Washington, we have too much respect for the columns of the RIP-SAW to pollute them by even mentioning the names of any more of the female white skinned degenerates that would so far forget themselves and the God who gave them life, and the father and mother who looked after them in their childhood to have their names appear in our columns.

Just such gatherings as this "Cosmopolitan Society" is what steels the nerve of the amorous bucks of the South to rape and pollute our southern daughters; and such a thing as this gathering in New York City would never have been heard of had not such men as Theodore Roosevelt sunk their manhood to the level of the Booker Washingtons and invited them to their tables and unblushingly lowered the standard of American manhood and womanhood to the level of the negro.

Someone will be ready to say, "YES, THE EDITOR OF THE RIP-SAW IS A SOUTHERNER AND THIS IS WHY HE WRITES SUCH STUFF," but in their teeth we want to hurl the LIE, as the editor of this journal was bred, born and raised in the State of Indiana, and was sired by a Republican father and nurtured at the breast of a Republican mother.

I have received a number of letters recently from Socialists in different sections of the North, requesting that the editor of this journal change his views, or at least change his method of expressing his views in regard to the negro; but as often as we have received such communications we have just as often given those who have written these letters to understand that if Socialism means placing me and mine upon an equal footing with the negro and lowering me and mine to the level of the negro race, then dam Socialism. —But Socialism does not, nor never did nor never will advocate social equality with the negro.

We are sorry that we cannot devote this entire issue to the nastiness, filthiness, cussedness and awfulness pulled off by the "Cosmopolitan Society" of New York, but the longer we think and dwell upon this subject the stronger the cabbage in our stomach rebels, and if we don't stop right now, we know we'll P—U-K-E.

THE SLAVE AWAKES

I am a man.—I am a part of an institution.—I may be a small part of that institution, but I am as essentially a part as any other man.—I am here for some purpose, or else I would not be here.

I have rights or else no one else has, as I can trace my parentage to the same source that any other living man can trace his.—Yes, the same Creator that formed and fashioned me, formed and fashioned all mankind.

I love, I enjoy, I weep and I suffer.—Can any brother do more? —The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; yea, Israel's God is my God.

Has my brother a right to a larger share of the gifts of God, than I?—Nay, verily; then who am I that my brother should presume to become my MASTER, and make me his SLAVE for profit?

LISTEN! did I not hear you speak of "THE PEOPLE?"—Who are the people?—They are the nation.—Who is the nation? —The people.—Well, if the people are the nation, and the nation is the people, am I not a part of that people, if I am the equal of my brother?—You are.

Do you intend to tell me that I am a part of a nation which has deprived me of all the comforts that abound upon every hand, although my back is bent with toil?

—Do you intend to tell poor me, whose shoulders are calloused with much carrying of heavy loads, that I am as great a multiple in the affairs of this grand commonwealth as any other man?—I do.—Am I dreaming, and will this dream pass off as a horrible nightmare and leave me unconscious of my greatness?—Oh! linger o'er my couch, ye bright faced angel of thought, and leave me not as only a human atom whose mission is but to SUFFER, DRUDGE, AND BEAR THE BURDENS OF OTHERS.

—Stay near me, and tell me more of my matchless sovereignty.—My God! I already feel the bonds giving way about my galded limbs.

—Have I swooned under my great burden of toil, or is that rose-tinted light on the horizon the breaking of a fairer day?—Oh! will that day ever come when these rags, this pinching cold and the whine of my hungry babes cease to horror my soul?—Will the day ever come when I can tenderly place my arm about my wife and lead her to a home all our own, earned by toil and not confiscated by a master?

Poverty, thou art a pale faced

hag, but under thy tattered garments there throbs a heart warm with the milk of human kindness, and had not that heart glowed with the warmth of humanity, and stirred the nations with my sobs, these poor hands would continue to be the TOOLS of him who would use me for profit, without any signs of relief; but thy rags, thy tears, thy sobs and thy sighs awoke my brother to the beauties of SOCIALISM, and who dared, for the sake of right and liberty, to arouse the toiling millions, which will e'er long beat down the gold barred doors of avarice and plant a new banner of hope upon a soil which was soaked with the blood of patriots in order to emancipate the sad-eyed goddess of toil.

Look not down upon me with scorn, ye monsters of greed, for opening my eyes to thy inhumanity, as I have hung upon thy promises until me and mine have become faint and heart-sick waiting for thee to divide thy ill-gotten spoils.

With the eloquence of our miseries, we have begged thee, and with the tear-stained faces of our wives and babies we have entreated thee, but our blistered hands, our sunken eyes, and our half-clad forms have not moved thee to pity.

We have sowed and reaped under blistering skies, and produced

enough and to sell, but thou didst hover o'er our fields like unfed vultures, and took our surplus from us at an unfair price, and sold us the products of our brother's toil, whose misery equals our own, for a price still more unfair.

From early morn till late at night, we and our half-fed babes bend over bench and forge, over loom and shuttle, and pile mountain-high thy towering hills of yellow gold, only to wend our way homeward at night when the whistle shrieks her heartless scream, to lie down in want.

Oh, Master! we have built thy mansion and hung its walls with the product of our sweat; we have spread thy floors with carpets soft to thy tread; we have polished thy floors until they mirrored our miseries; we have woven in the looms of toil the softest raiment to clothe the bodies of thee and thine; from our gardens, we have heaped high thy table with the choicest of fruits and flowers; we have planted every shrub and vine that beautifies thy home; we have, SLAVE LIKE, nursed and fondled thy young and protected it with our strength; we have fed the roaring furnaces of commerce, and caused the smoke stacks of the universe to belch forth a vulcan spray of toil which thou hast moulded into pyramids of

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There could be no DOUBT if there was no REASON.

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Big "I" and Little "U"

If a farmer hires a man to work upon his farm, or a blacksmith hires a man to work in his shop, or a merchant hires a man to work in his store, or any other business man hires an individual to work for him, that individual who is hired is directly under the supervision of the man who hired him; but how is it with the Congressmen and Senators you elect? Ah! while these fellows are wanting your votes, they make the declaration that they will be biddable, and obey the demands of their constituents if elected, and they become as humble as many curs or lousy calves; but as soon as they have fooled the voter out of his vote, then they get their "snoots" in the air, and literally tell those who elected them to go to the dickens, for as soon as your officials have "conned" you out of your vote by promises that they break as readily as they make them, they immediately become your MASTERS, and you become their SERVANTS.

Before an election, the fellow who is running for office, is a very humble sort of a fellow, and it is big "YOU" and little "I;" but as soon as the election is over, and he has fooled you out of your vote, then it is big "I" and little "YOU," as he immediately proceeds to do as he pleases, regardless of the fact that he is YOUR SERVANT AND YOU PAY HIM.

You will remember that Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill in the United States Senate intended to give the Postmaster General the ABSOLUTE POWER to say what newspapers should or should not pass through the mails, and you will also remember that every Socialist paper on earth, and many other honest journals, fought this Penrose Bill with the vehemence of a rod of wildcats.

Thomas Hackney, or perhaps we should have said "THE HONORABLE THOMAS HACKNEY," is a Representative in Congress from a Missouri district; and a gentleman who lives in the Honorable Thomas Hackney's Congressional District, wrote him a letter and called his attention to the Penrose Bill and demanded that he cast his vote to kill it; and in reply, MR. L. W. MOTLEY, who wrote this Congressman, and who lives at PROSPERITY, MISSOURI; received the following letter from THE HONORABLE THOMAS HACKNEY, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Washington, D. C., March 7, 1908.
"Mr. L. W. Motley, Prosperity, Mo.
"Dear Sir—Under date of February 28th, you advised me that the people of

your section would watch how I voted on certain measures.

"I beg to advise you, in return, that I have watched how you voted for a good many years, and have never recently known of your voting for a Democrat.

"When the contest was on sharply between me and a Republican in the last campaign, and you knew that one or the other of us would be elected, you stood back on your pretended dignity and kept aloof from the contest. Now, that the Republican organizations are after you and your papers, you appeal to me for assistance, and with your appeal you hand out a threat. If such communications as yours were the basis of my judgment on this question, I should most assuredly be prejudiced against whatever you request.

"I will, therefore, say that the Penrose Bill will be given such consideration by me, and my action on it will be such as my own judgment dictates.

"Yours very truly,
"THOS. HACKNEY."

THE HONORABLE THOMAS HACKNEY knew that L. W. Motley was a Socialist, and since he was not a Democrat, and since Mr. Motley did not get out and "whoop-er-up" for THE HONORABLE THOMAS HACKNEY, who is a member of Congress and should be a SERVANT of those who live in his Congressional District, he, like the majority of other Republicans and Democrats, literally told Mr. Motley to go to the southern corner of Hades, and that he, "THE HONORABLE THOMAS" would do as he darned pleased, and he had no reason on earth for writing Mr. Motley this letter only because Motley was a Socialist and didn't see fit to bow down at the shrine of Democracy and cast his ballot for "THE HONORABLE THOMAS HACKNEY."

Now, Mr. Reader, we want you to read Thomas Hackney's letter over two or three times until it soaks into your cocoanut, and when

you gentlemen, and especially those who live in "THE HONORABLE THOMAS HACKNEY'S" district, go to the polls this coming November I think that you will hand the gentleman a bunch of ballots that will give him to understand that he has got a job at home the remainder of his natural life.

"THE HONORABLE THOMAS" gave Mr. Motley, a resident of his Congressional District, to understand that the Penrose Bill would be given such consideration by him as he darned pleased, and that those who live in his Congressional District could go to HALLELUJAH for all he cares, no matter if those who elected him do PAY the FREIGHT.

Whenever the voters of this country wake up to the realization that the REFERENDUM, when applied to such men as "THE HONORABLE THOMAS," will make them straighten up and look like erect fishing-poles, then Socialism will loom up in all her beauty, and the members of Congress will then realize that they are really and truly SERVANTS and not MASTERS.—Ah! Sir Thomas Hackney, you had better swell up and look big while your little job lasts, and keep swelled up good and tight, as this country is going to put a muzzle on you, "DO AS YOU DAM PLEASE" fellows, and will enact their laws at the ballot box and not permit the "SIR THOMASES" to enact any kind of an old law, no matter whether it pleases those who elected them or not.—Ah! yes, "SIR THOMAS," you'd better swell up good and tight while your little job lasts, as the boys are waking up, and it won't be long until they'll make you stand hitched no matter if you do feel your oats.—LATER.—The notorious Penrose Bill was killed as dead as hec, and was killed because the Socialist press of America scared the little pants off of such chaps as "SIR THOMAS HACKNEY."—Ah "Tommy" you will get yours in due time, as the "Rubes" are beginning to think.

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TRUTH and REASON are inseparable.

The "CRANK" of today is generally the HERO of tomorrow.

I'd rather be an ignorant black slave than an intelligent white one.

Socialism means ALL of mine but NONE of yours.—That's all.

In your BOSS' estimation, all SLAVES who THINK are anarchists.

A LIE always wears bright colored garments.—TRUTH, plain ones.

THOUGHT is the acid that melts the dross out of idiotic theories.

A religion that makes a man HUMBLE is built by GRAFTERS.

There's not a sigh nor a long face to be found anywhere in God's works.

All "WHITE LIES" travel the same road that all the BLACK ones have traveled.

There never was a REVOLUTION without WANT having first preceded it.

That ELEVENTH HOUR story may be true, but it sounds darned unreasonable.

An AWKWARD TRUTH sounds much better than a lie told by an elocutionist.

If SUPERSTITION meant wisdom, the average voter could walk Solomon in intellect.

There's but one way to be GOOD and that way don't mean through the slough of orthodoxy.

It is said that woman caused man to fall, and the darned fool has never had sense enough to get up.

To tell the TRUTH under the present system, means being robbed by those who control the system.

You can't slander a man by telling the TRUTH on him, no matter how black the truth may make him appear.

I hate the man who will not rebel at a MASTER taking a "rake-off" from his every day's effort.—Socialism says he SHAN'T.

The DOLLAR is only the SHADOW of labor.—Then why should the SHADOW control the SUBSTANCE.

HELL was invented by those who expected the ignorant to pay them for telling them how to keep out of it.

Show the RIP-SAW a single trust that either the Republican or Democratic party has BUSTED and we'll show you a white "nigger."

Don't preach to me about a heaven "OVER-YONDER" until those who do the preaching kick the devil out of control DOWN HERE.

If the average Christian would pray more for his OWN salvation and less for his neighbor's, his neighbor would have more confidence in him.

The "Golden Rule" is a "FAKE" or else the present system is all wrong.—Which is it, "Rube?"—Socialism believes the "Golden Rule" is a PERFECT RULE.

If God Almighty is JUST, then the man for whom I am compelled to work and permit him to confiscate a part of my efforts is NOT just.—Socialism believes that God is JUST.

Socialism says, ALL THAT I CREATE WITH MY OWN

IF

If I, by my OWN HANDS, and that of my family, produce ALL of the corn, cotton, wheat, hay, rice, oats, barley, potatoes, beans, fruit and everything else that is produced on the farm, why should the man or set of men who DO NOT produce any of these things which are essential to the welfare and happiness of humanity, be permitted to SPECULATE AND GAMBLE in the product of my MY OWN HANDS and become MILLIONAIRES AT MY EXPENSE while me and my family spend our lives in servitude and wind up life amidst all of the drudgery that farm life is symbolic of under the PRESENT SYSTEM, and those who DO NO WORK, but have made SLAVES out of me and mine, wear the best clothes that the looms of toil produce, live in the best homes that toil itself builds, and eat the choicest food that toil itself produces?—Neither the Republican nor the Democratic parties have ever raised their voice against this system of human slavery, and those who today, make and execute our laws are in ABSOLUTE HARMONY with the system that permits FIVE PER CENT, or those who DO NO WORK to make SLAVES of the NINETY-FIVE PER CENT who DO THE WORK.—Now, Mr. Reader, if you earn your bread by toil, and if you are at the present time a Democrat or Republican, in the name of God, stop for just ONE MOMENT, and be fair with yourself and your family and see if you can tell us why you are either a Republican or Democrat, when you know that those who REFUSE TO WORK are in harmony with the system which forces you and yours to toil year in and year out for a price set upon your toil by MASTERS.—If you are not satisfied with this unequal and unfair system of MASTER AND SLAVE, then why, oh why, will you not study SOCIALISM and learn that this creed is founded upon the everlasting and equal creed of Christ, which gives to him who performs the labor ALL that his toil produces?—Oh! be men and exercise the reason that God Almighty blessed you with.

The man of CANDOR is always a man of COURAGE.

No JUST law can come from an UNJUST lawmaker.

Hypocrisy brands a man as both a FOOL AND A LIAR.

"HOPE" ain't worth a cuss if "DO" don't get in motion.

The average GENTLEMAN can't afford a diamond stud.

A full belly is seldom on speaking terms with an empty one.

Pin the roses upon the breast of the living.—Dead people don't care for flowers.

Thank goodness, there has never been a MOTHER GOD accused of building a hell.

Obedience without THOUGHT is the road that leads direct to the camp of plutocracy.

Gambling in the parlor of a CHURCH MEMBER is just as dam mean as gambling in a "nigger" dive.

A HIGH TARIFF is good only for MASTERS who manufacture the things which SLAVES are compelled to buy.

Whenever I hear a man boasting of his "BLUE BLOOD" I always know he considers himself too dam good to work.

Get it in your "noodle," Rube, that the fellow who DOES NO WORK and gets rich, has done it at the expense of damphool voters.—Then you'll begin to be a Socialist.

POOR HANDS IS MINE, and no MASTER has a right to any part of it.—That's all that Socialism means.—If you are a laborer why are you not a Socialist?

When the preachers tell me to "BE PATIENT," and that "IN SOME WAY OR OTHER THE LORD WILL PROVIDE," I always feel as though he thought me a damphool, and didn't have sense enough to use things that the Lord gave me if I was permitted to use them without some MASTER exploiting me for profit.

IS THERE NO PITY?

Capital has always claimed, and still claims the right to combine. Manufacturers meet and determine prices even in spite of the great law of supply and demand. Have the laborers the same right to consult and combine? The rich meet in the bank, club-house or parlor. Workingmen, when they combine, gather in the street. All the organized forces of society are against them. Capital has the army and navy, the legislature, the judicial and executive departments. When the rich combine it is for the purpose of "exchanging ideas." When the poor combine it is a "conspiracy." If they act in concert, if they really do something, it is a "mob." If they defend themselves it is treason. How is it the rich can control the departments of government? In this country the political power is equally divided among men. There are certainly more poor than rich. Why should the rich control? Why should not the laborers combine for the purpose of controlling the executive, legislative and judicial departments? Will they ever find how powerful they are? A cry comes from the oppressed, the hungry, from the downtrodden, from the unfortunate, from the despised, from men who despair and from women who weep. There are times when medicants become revolutionists—when a rag becomes a banner, under which the noblest and the bravest battle for right.—R. G. I.

NATURALLY.

Judge: You said the defendant turned and whistled to the dog. What followed?
Intelligent Witness: The dog.
—Ex.

See page TWELVE.—This is the greatest subscription offer the RIP-SAW or any other newspaper ever made a reading public.—Read every word of this great offer, and act immediately.

THANK YOU, TOM

The following letter has recently been received from the Hon. Thos. E. Watson, presidential candidate on the Populist ticket; and the editor of this journal, from the lower left lobe of his liver, says "Thank you, Tom;" Mr. Watson's letter follows:

Thomson, Georgia,
May 2, 1908.

Colonel Dick Maple,
Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Colonel:-

"Allow me to express to you my sincere appreciation of the handsome notice that you have been generous enough to give to the Populist National Ticket.

"While I cannot give you the slightest reason to hope that I shall ever verify your prediction by becoming a Socialist, you can rest assured that I shall always retain a warm spot in my heart for Col. Dick Maple."

"COULD NOT LIVE TEN MINUTES WITHOUT THE RIP-SAW."

A letter recently received from Mr. G. W. Youngblood, of Timpson, Texas, in part follows:

"Dear Colonel Dick:-

"To say that I am proud to learn that you have recovered from your recent illness and are once more able to eat cornbread and sow-belly would be putting it mildly; for we are not near ready to give you up yet, Dick; for we old Texans could not live ten minutes without the RIP-SAW, and if you have any idea of crossing over to Beulah Land you can just cut it out for a while yet.

"If you and the old RIP-SAW will come to Texas I will give you five acres of land to put a house upon."

Darn the PAST and the FUTURE; it's the NOW that we want to measure up full and complete to the golden rule.—Fix the NOW and you'll fix the future, and the past can't be fixed.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

Colonel H. W. J. Ham said that among the funniest things a lecturer hears are some of the introductions he gets. He gave this as a sample of one evidently intended to keep the lecturer from thinking too much of himself:

"Ladies and gentlemen, as is well known to you, our lecture course this year is not quite so extensive as it was last season. The fact is that we went into the lecture course a little too steep last year, and lost considerable money. To avoid anything of that kind this year, we are to have a shorter course and much cheaper speakers, the first of whom I now have the felicity of presenting to you."—Lyceumite and Talent.

What do you think of a CHRISTIAN NATION issuing a saloon license to some pug-faced foreigner to make brutes, loafers, thugs and thieves of our sons, and strollops, sluts, and prostitutes of our daughters?—Gee! ain't it hell?

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

In the April RIP-SAW, the editor of this journal, on the account of his health, and not desiring to spend another winter in the North, advertised for a home in some Southern State, and within thirty days after this advertisement appeared I had received thousands of letters from subscribers from every Southern State offering me a home in their section; and scores of men who believe as we do, offered to GIVE me a home if I would move to their section.—Now, why an old, rough, uncouth mortal like myself deserves such magnanimous treatment at the hands of our subscribers I cannot understand, neither am I able to thank them for their unstinted kindness; and all that I can say is, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU; but I will hold myself in readiness to prove to those noble boys at the very slightest provocation, that what I am unable to say, I am able to do, by demonstrating to them that my heart is located in the exact spot where the heart of any true man throbs.—God bless you, boys, and I hope that I may always be able to merit your approval, and should I ever fail, my failure will be traceable directly to my head and not my heart.

PAPA IS CAUTIOUS NOW.

Little Johnnie.—"Mother, tell me how papa got to know you."

Mother.—"One day I fell into the water, and he jumped in and fetched me out."

Little Johnnie.—"H'm! that's funny; he won't let me learn to swim."—Tid-Bits.

FOXY.

"I'll foil them yet!" the hare exclaimed.

(The hounds were at his back.) He donned a pair of rubber boots, and thus erased his track.

—Yale Record.

WATCH THE NEXT ISSUE

The Socialist National Convention is now in session at Chicago, and we are sorry that we are not able to hold our forms open until the nominations for president and vice-president have been made; but the RIP-SAW has grown to such mammoth proportions that each issue is compelled to go to press in the first half of the month preceding date of issue; however, the July RIP-SAW will contain a complete history of our candidates and the Socialist platform in full.

We hope that the convention will make no mistake in selecting clean, American citizens, and those above reproach, to represent the followers of Socialism; and if such be the case, the Socialist party will poll a vote this fall that will cause both of the old political parties to sit up and take notice.

A SOCIALIST BUT DON'T KNOW IT

Congressman John T. Watkins, of Louisiana, on the seventh day of last January delivered an address in the lower house of Congress, the majority of which was culled from the doctrines of Socialism.

Mr. Watkins, while he is a Democrat and trying to sail under the banner of Democracy, is at heart a Socialist, unless he delivered his speech in order to fool his constituents, and this we do not believe he did, as we have every reason to believe that the Honorable John T. Watkins, of Louisiana, is an intelligent and honest ignoramus.

In commenting upon a number of paragraphs of President Roosevelt's message he had the following to say relative to one paragraph, and this one we herewith reproduce so that the reader may grasp the trend of Mr. Watkins's address; it follows:

"The two citizens whose welfare is in the aggregate most vital to the welfare of the nation, and therefore to the welfare of all other citizens, are the wage-worker who does manual labor and the tiller of the soil—the farmer."

The paragraph which we have above quoted from Mr. Roosevelt's message is also stolen bodily from the doctrines of Socialism, but preached by Theodore Roosevelt who declares he is bitterly opposed to Socialism, and that all Socialists are lazy louts trying to lay hold upon the property of industrious men and confiscate it to their own use, which is as black a falsehood as was ever conceived in the mind of man.

After quoting the above paragraph from Mr. Roosevelt's message, the Honorable John T. Watkins had the following to say:

"These expressions of the President touch on subjects of vital importance to the American people.

"From the time the simple shepherd led his confiding flock over the Judean plains until now, when the great harvesting machines cut and bind and thresh the grain in the field, the people of the rural districts have fed and clothed the world.

"In the early morn of the world the meats and skins of goats and sheep furnished food and raiment for mankind, and today the great Webb steam compress presses the cotton produced by the farmers into the smallest possible space, and it is sent to the remotest bounds of the earth.

"Beef which comes from the rural districts, is embalmed in the great

packing houses, and with pork and beans travels over the broad ocean and across the high seas.

"Whether we be robed in silk and fine purple, or dressed in linen, cotton, or skins, our apparel must first pass through the hands of the sturdy yeoman. The corn-dodger, rolled oats, rice pudding and pound cake have all been through the farmer's bin."

Every word of the above uttered by Congressman John T. Watkins, of Louisiana, the Socialist world approves; but it halts at the door of John T. Watkins and says, how can you, a Democrat, advocate these principles, who erected this system which created this purse-proud aristocracy, and gave that purse-proud set of iron heeled masters the privilege to confiscate that which the farmers produce to their own benefit and that of their workless offspring.

Along further in Mr. Watkins' speech, which is the EXACT doctrines of Socialism, this congressman delivered himself of the following mighty truths:

"Agriculture is the basis for all other industries; as the ebb and flow of the tide in the ocean, so other industries rise and fall with the prosperity and the adversity of the farmer.

"The farmers of America not only feed and clothe the people of this country, but they supply one-third of the grain and three-fourths of the cotton used by the entire world. After feeding and clothing this country the farmers of America furnish an-

nually over EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS worth of their products to foreign customers.

"In this country alone over TWO MILLION people are dependent upon manufacturing for a living. If some great calamity should prevent the farmers from making a crop, these people would be overwhelmed; woe and want would go hand in hand; misery and destitution would stalk in the land."

How in the name of God John T. Watkins or any other Republican or Democrat of intelligence can advocate these principles, unless they do it to "CON" their constituents, and still offer no remedy for a system which has brought about the awful conditions under which we exist, is something that no intelligent man can conceive of; as to preach such doctrines and then permit the same class of men to run the government that has brought about these conditions is to preach an abomination in the ears of any intelligent man, as John T. Watkins must know that the only way to remedy the awful conditions that exist today is to dethrone those who foisted upon the American people the conditions which are today almost unbearable, and UTTERLY DESTROY the system that breeds these conditions.—I want to repeat that Congressman John T. Watkins, of Louisiana, is either "A SOCIALIST AND DON'T KNOW IT," a fool and has never found it out, or a "CON" man who preaches these beautiful and bright-faced doctrines in order to fool

those whom he expects to send him back to Congress again.

In the next outburst of eloquence the Honorable John T. Watkins delivered himself of the following:

"But the money power has become so bold and its brazen effrontery so audacious as to strike with terror the well-meaning citizen, whose chief desire is to be allowed to quietly pursue the peaceful avocations of life. * * *

"When enormous sums of money are accumulated for the purpose of corrupting the electorate and for the purpose of converting a democracy into a plutocracy, it is time for the people to raise their hands in holy horror. But when these enormous sums of money enable the individual and the corporations possessing them to form trusts in restraint of trade, stifling competition and strangling to death those weaker than they who are endeavoring to make a legitimate living, it is high time for the American people to cast about for a remedy to save themselves from being engulfed in this vortex of certain destruction.

"When the trusts are formed the weaker individuals and business concerns coming in competition with them are crushed out of existence. The price of the articles which are bought by the trusts from the producers are fixed by the trusts, and they are sold at a price fixed by them. Their freight is hauled first and at a lower rate than that of others; they get cut rates on insurance and employ their labor at their own price; their taxes are assessed according to the elasticity of their consciences, and being without heart or soul, the cof-

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Mr. Reader, we ask you to read carefully this address of Congressman Watkins' and in it you will find exactly what Socialists advocate and teach; but after you read it and wake up to the realization that Congressman John T. Watkins proposes to remedy these awful conditions without FIRST DESTROYING THE SYSTEM WHICH HAS BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GOVERNMENT, you will realize, as we said before, that John T. Watkins is A SOCIALIST AND DON'T KNOW IT, or a fool or a knave, and utters these grand truths for no other reason than to fool and hoodwink his constituents.

In his next outburst of truths and eloquence, as John T. Watkins has demonstrated that he is competent to tell a truth and tell it eloquently, he warns the American people that unless a change is brought about that a revolution is imminent; but he gives this warning without a remedy; it follows:

"There are no more happy or better contented people today than those of France. But let us not forget the French revolution. This sickening catastrophe was caused by the tyranny of wealth in its efforts to tighten its coils around the struggling form of an industrious and liberty-loving people.

"These people arose in their might and purged the nation of the human vampires who were sucking their life-blood and deriding the victims of their merciless spoliation.

"Three hundred thousand nobles were living in France at the outbreak of the revolution. These nobles imposed most unjust burdens upon the people, and being upheld BY CHURCH AND STATE, there was no arbitrament to which to appeal except the sword. France was deluged in blood! The execution of King, Queen, nobles, woman and children was so awful as to appall, to horrify the world! Can we learn a lesson from history? Is patriotism dead in this country? Will a reckoning never come? Believe it not! The day is fast approaching when the American people will no longer submit to the human vultures who are preying upon their vitals! The day of deliverance is dawning and will soon shine in its effulgent glory. It will not bring the torch, the sword, or the guillotine, but the voice

of the people, which is the voice of God, will be heard! Public servants will be held to the paths of rectitude; pure men will be put in public places; rigorous laws will be enacted and will be rigidly enforced. * * *

"The great men of a nation usually come from the humble fireside, the rustic grove, the shady hillside, the murmuring brook, the waving grain and the loamy furrow. Here there is no pollution, no intrigue, no infidelity; but men and women are imprints of the handiwork of the God of Nature.

"Cincinnatus was called from his plow to save Rome, and from the humble homes in the rural districts there will rise up those like Cincinnatus who will dislodge these iniquitous trusts from their strongholds and restore our country to her primitive purity.

"Three-fifths of the expenses of the Government are paid by agriculture. There are ninety-five laboring men in this country to every five capitalists." * * * *

John T. Watkins in this last outburst of truths and eloquence has declared to you in words as plain as any Socialist could declare what would happen unless this damnable system was changed; but this man Watkins never advocates the DESTRUCTION of this system, but only advocates that it be remedied within the folds of the Democratic party, which is as guilty of foisting the present system upon the American people, as is the Republican party.

The RIP-SAW is never more delighted than when it realizes that the only time that the politicians can get the applause of the masses, is when they break loose from the doctrines of Republicanism and Democracy and preach the doctrines of Socialism, and this Congressman John T. Watkins did without stint, but preached it under the garb of Democracy in order to help the Democratic party to bind the laborers of America hand and foot, and hand them over to the heartless clutch of SLAVE MASTERS, and a more heartless specie of such masters no European soil ever produced.—Wake up! boys; wake up! and learn well and truly the lesson of Socialism, and when you do this you will then have launched out upon the highway of intellectuality and be prepared to cast a ballot that will elevate you and your posterity to the plane where none but noblemen stand.

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Now, if the thing that the farmer or any other individual must use in his daily avocations of life, is sacred and subject to "private ownership," to be owned and controlled by him and his family, then undoubtedly no one is so dense and so ignorant that they would attempt to limit the private ownership of these things, to a family of any certain size; as a family of ten children has just as much right to the private ownership of the things which they privately use, as does the family of only two children; now, if the family of ten children have the same right to own and control the things which must be "PRIVATELY USED" by that family, as has the family of two children, and no one will dispute it, then the family of fifteen children has exactly the same right as the family of two, or ten, have they not?

Who was it out there in the audience said that he was neither married nor had a single living relative, and declared that the only "family" that he belonged to was the "human family?"—Step up here, Mister, you are exactly the man we want to see, as you have spoken up just in time to learn that you belong to the **GREATEST** and only **REAL** family that ever existed.

Every one has agreed that our logic so far is true, and that the things that must be "PRIVATELY USED" by a family should be "PRIVATE PROPERTY."—You have also agreed with us that the size of the family does not alter

the conditions which govern that family's private property, as you have agreed that the family of two has the same right as the family of ten, and you have also agreed that the family of ten has the same rights as the family of fifteen and vice versa.

Now, if a family presided over by a father and mother have a right to privately own and use everything in connection with their private life and their private necessities; then why should not the things which two of these private families are compelled to use, as a lane or road that leads to town, to church or school, be just as sacredly private, although essentially public, as the things which every family privately uses?—You declare that so far our logic is correct.

Now, Mr. Reader, in order for these two families to enjoy the visits of their neighbors, the call of the mail-carrier, the groceryman or any other business which their neighbors must transact with them, it becomes necessary for them to use this lane or road in a public manner; now would it be right or just should a third family move in upon the borders of that road, for them to be deprived of the same use of said road as the two first families?—Everybody says, NO it would be inhuman to treat the third family in this manner, and everybody is right.

Now, Mr. Reader, this lane or road which the three families use is as much "PRIVATE PROPERTY" as the horse, the cow, the cook stove or the plow that either one of the three families use privately, and the road is only designated as "PUBLIC PROPERTY" simply because more than one family use it.

If these three families have a "COMMUNITY INTEREST" in that road, then as many other families as desire can use that road, for the transaction of any legitimate business they may have with that community of three families, and that road only becomes "PUBLIC PROPERTY" simply because the public in general use it; but it is as essentially "PRIVATE PROPERTY" as the cow or horse that is privately used, as the community cannot transact its business

and freely mingle and commingle with each other without that road.

Now, if a community of two, three, ten, twenty or as many more families as the case may be, have a "PRIVATE INTEREST" in that road to publicly transact their business, then you must acknowledge, Mr. Reader, that this road has become a "COMMUNITY INTEREST" and cannot be bounded by imaginary lines; therefore, we have dispelled from your mind the old foggy belief that there really exists any material difference between the thing used only by yourself and family, and things which are used by a group of families, as the difference in these two propositions only lingers in a mind which has not been properly educated.

Now, suppose that your lawmakers would enact a law forbidding you to own a cow, a horse, a plow or anything else that you must "PRIVATELY USE," and instead of permitting you to own the above enumerated animals and implements, would declare that the ownership of these things which you PRIVATELY USE, should be vested in a company or corporation, and that every time you worked a horse that you must pay that company or "trust" a certain amount; that every time you milked your cow you had to do the same thing, or every time that you used a plow, harrow or cook stove you had to contribute a certain amount to the man or men who owned these things; what do you think you would say about it?—Why, bless your souls, you would fly to arms immediately, and you and your boys would become soldiers for liberty's sake, and your wives and daughters would become amazons in battle for righteousness' sake; but you will permit a set of men to own and control the railroad which you are compelled to use, the telegraph line which you must use at times, and the telephone line which, in this day and age of the world has become indispensable, to every family, and each time you use these HUMAN NECESSITIES, you contribute MORE for their use than they are worth, or else those who own and control these things would not become MILLIONAIRES while the users

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The Republican party is a party of millionaires; therefore, they are opposed to you using your own "PRIVATE PROPERTY" in a public manner.—The Democratic party is a party of millionaires, and in harmony with the same class of men, and also oppose you using your PUBLIC NECESSITIES for your PRIVATE BENEFIT.

The word "PRIVATE" means personal, and a thing cannot be PERSONAL unless it affects some person; and since such is the case, we will endeavor to demonstrate to the reader's mind that anything of a "PUBLIC" nature which is supported by "PRIVATE" use, is as essentially "PRIVATE" to the person using it as the cook stove on which their food is prepared.

Now, since a family may include two persons or twenty, and since each member of that family has the free use of all things used by it, which becomes necessary to produce that which they must use in common; and since a private family holds the same relation to one another as does one or more families hold toward each other, then does not the thing or things that are used by two or more families bear the same relation to the user as does the things which are used by the individual members of a private family?—Everybody agrees that so far our logic is correct.

Now, if it is an acknowledged fact that the thing or things used by an "INDIVIDUAL FAMILY"

should be owned and controlled by the individual members of that family, then pray tell us why the thing or things used by the individuals of a "COLLECTIVE FAMILY" should not be used in the same manner?—Give us a lucid reason why the same logic should not apply to the "COLLECTIVE FAMILY" as does to the "INDIVIDUAL FAMILY" and you will make it plain to the minds of millions why the "MINORITY" should own, control and charge exorbitant prices for the thing or things which the "MAJORITY" or the collective family is compelled to use or suffer.

The railroad, the telegraph line, nor the telephone line cannot be used, under the present system, until there is a PRICE PAID FOR THEIR USE, and so long as the user of these things which are used in public, is content to pay an UNREASONABLE PRICE to their owners for that privilege, just that long human leeches will gather in the sweat of labor's brow; but when the time arrives that the "COLLECTIVE FAMILY" opens its eyes to the injustice of this hellish practice and declares that it, ITSELF, is the nation, and will own and control ITS OWN UTILITIES, then will toil reap to the fullest extent of her sowing, less the ACTUAL price of production and transportation, and will not be compelled to add to the ACTUAL COST of these things an unreasonable profit to create millionaire swaggarts and pinched faced paupers to march hand in hand through a land whose hills and mountains are bursting with fuel and minerals, and whose valleys groan beneath an abundant harvest.

When drowsy American manhood stretches itself up to its fullest intellectual stature, an awakening such as the world has never beheld will take place, and the toiling yeomanry of this, the fairest land the sun ever shown upon, will not have her daughters insulted by the rich frocked and jewel bedecked daughters of this inhuman tribe, and the banner of peace and plenty will be erected where now want and misery rules supreme.

Whenever the American public learns that what we have been taught to call "PUBLIC PROPERTY" is as essentially "PRIVATE PROPERTY" as are the things which are used in the private affairs of an individual, then and not until then, will "PUBLIC PROPERTY" cease to be "PRIVATELY PLUNDERED" by a plutocracy who knows no law but the law of greed.

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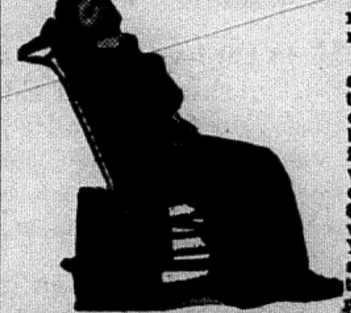
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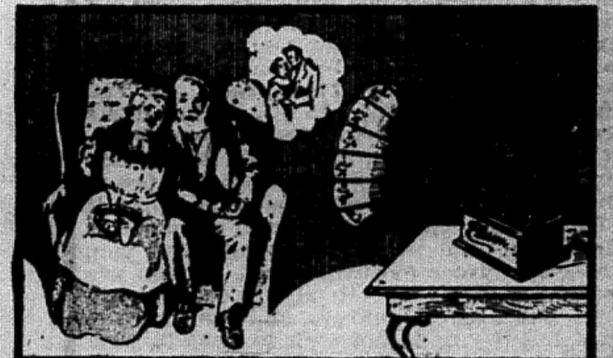
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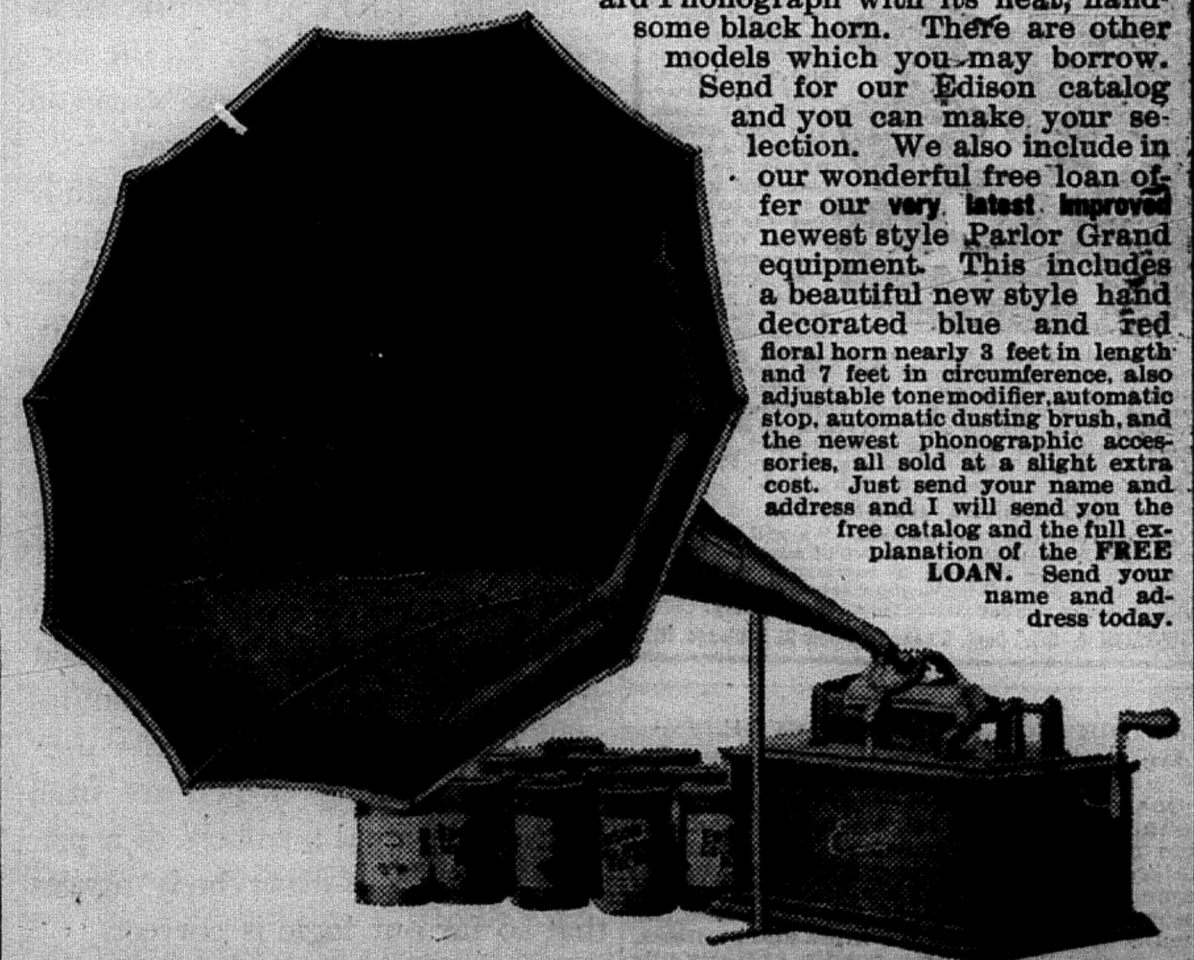
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GOD AND MAN

If God is the father of man, which no one doubts, then the child, no matter where it was born, or under what conditions it first saw the light of day, undoubtedly was created God-like; and if it was, and none dare dispute it, then there must be some powerful influence brought to bear upon that child if it even defaces and obliterates the stamp of Godliness which its God-parent placed within its bosom.

Regardless of what we may have been taught relative to sin being a FOREORDAINED AND PRE-ARRANGED SNARE SET FOR THE FEET OF UNSUSPECTING CHILDREN BY AN ALL-WISE AND PERFECT GOD, we do not believe such doctrine, nor no other man or woman could possibly believe such an abominable absurdity, if they had due respect for their Creator; as a God who loves his children as devotedly as God Almighty MUST love his children, could not, NOR WOULD NOT deliberately, millions of years ago, have dug pitfalls for the inexperienced feet of his OWN and unborn children.

Man is as much a part of nature as is sunshine, air, water or any other element, and the only difference between man and the other elements of nature, is his power to reason, and this WONDERFUL POWER is the connecting link that binds him to his Maker.

Nowhere, in all the realms of nature, can there be located any being superior to man; therefore, it is natural for man to rebel at being compelled to pay homage to anyone but God.

If God is a just God, and all nature proclaims that he is, then his conception of justice WOULD NOT, NOR COULD NOT conceive the idea of creating one child with more power and giving it more rights and permitting it to enjoy more of nature's gifts than another, and if such is the case, then those who flagrantly transgress this fundamental law of JUSTICE are usurpers and should be treated as such.

To believe that one creature of one God was created willfully, by that God, to bear the burdens and hardships of another creature, CREATED BY THE SAME GOD, is to paint that God in the image of the devil.

To know thyself thoroughly is equivalent to understanding thy neighbor, and without this knowledge of one's self, the rights of a neighbor cannot be regarded properly, as TRUE KNOWLEDGE means true wisdom, without which there can be no TRUE MANHOOD.

To acknowledge THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD is to acknowledge THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN, and to acknowledge one and deny the other, either brands God as a fake or man as a fool.

If God is the father of us all, and if he is JUST, then undoubtedly, God's patrimony, which is the earth and the fullness thereof, is divisible by one common righteous unit, and if it is, then God is God, and if it is not, then God is not God.

If the human race is one great Adamic family, and if God is the father of that family, then each member of that family, NO MATTER WHAT HIS CONDITION MAY BE, provided, however, that he has been a conscientious worker in the Lord's vineyard, is entitled to as much of God's estate and is as legal an heir of God, as any other member of that family.

There are four things which are essential to the welfare of the human family, and these four things are earth, air, water and sunshine. —These four essentials are absolutely necessary before mankind can exist, no matter how willing he is to labor, as without these four essentials the arm of toil is powerless to produce that which sustains the human body.

We believe that we have already established the fact that we have no one to thank for these four great essentials but God Almighty; and if we have performed this task to the satisfaction of the reader, then we are ready to go a step further and demonstrate to his mind what is necessary in order to utilize these four great essentials.

If I ask the little boy or girl of three or four years of age, who

made the earth, their answer will come like a flash; "GOD," and if from the child, I turn to the sage, and ask if the earth was furnished to the human family by God, for a PRICE, he will answer in the twinkling of an eye, "NO, NO, IT WAS A DONATION MADE DIRECT BY GOD TO HIS CHILDREN."

When God turned over to the human family, these magnificent gifts, he impressed upon the mind of every man that in the sweat of his face he must earn his bread, and gave mankind to understand that dormant nature only required the strong arm of toil to cause her to burst forth in abundance and plenty.

If we have been able in this article to lead the reader to an elevation sufficiently high for him to see himself as God sees him, we are quite sure that we are now ready to give him stronger mental food, and such as a rational and intelligent mind can digest.

Instead of blaming and condemning the man who has to labor ten hours a day, for not being posted in regard to the trickery in vogue by our politicians and "EARTH OWNERS," we are sorry for him, as the man who is compelled to toil with all his might ten or twelve hours per day, in some master's shop or field, is physically incapacitated to realize just what class of slaves he belongs to, and how great his slavery is; as the body which is worn out by toil, must necessarily contain a mind dull and sluggish.

The average political stump-speaker fully realizes the conditions under which our laborers struggle, but they take advantage of them, and unblushingly proclaim, upon the stump, falsehoods relative to the laborer's condition, blacker than midnight in hell, and which would make an Ananias blush with shame; but within the past few years, the laboring masses have begun to digest the froth of political spell-binders, and the process of thought EVOLUTION has set in, which will eventually lead to slavery emancipation; as it is only necessary to get the man who RENTS himself out for a price to THINK, until he will begin to ACT, and when you stir a man up to the point where he will act in harmony with his intelligence, you prompt him to cast a vote to harmonize with his manhood.

It is hard, indeed, to get the man who performs all of the labor and is only permitted to enjoy barely enough of its fruits, to thinly clothe his back and furnish his stomach with the commonest kind of food, to think, as his "boss" holds starvation in front of him, if he fails to comply with his commands, and priest and preacher hold the scarecrow of damnation over his head if he refuses to obey that "boss;" but it is the mission of this article to persuade the WHITE SLAVES of America to stand firmly upon the foundation of THOUGHT, and to predicate every act of theirs upon

the result of that thought; for we know when we accomplish this that they will not cast their vote in harmony with their "bosses'" desires, and will not be scared into submission by that bug-a-boo of eternal damnation if they refuse to submit to being ROBBED by the official plunderers of this country.

From every hill-top and every valley, in this land, you can now behold the brawny giants of toil stretching themselves up for the first time in their existence, to the full stature of their manhood, and awakening from their slavery, and defying both their boss and his official tools, and giving preacher and priest to understand that since God is God, and since all JUSTICE is predicated upon GODLINESS, COMMON SENSE AND REASON, that they longer refuse to be ground into profit for the sake of remaining in harmony with those who are benefited by this merciless grind.

Not until recently, have the slaves of America, and other nations, if you please, awoke to the terrible realization that they and theirs are only chattels to be used by their "bosses" for a pittance per day.

There can be no manhood where there is no intelligence, and this is why scheming villains have been permitted to reap rich harvests from the arm of thinkless toil; but the time has now arrived when the slaves of toil are not content to remain human chattles, and when that great day dawns full and complete, GOD HAVE MERCY UPON THE VULTURES OF COMMERCE, as there will be an awakening such as the nations of the earth have never beheld.

Every age has had slaves, but not until lately have the WHITE SLAVES of so-called civilization, come to realize that they are as much a part of the government as those who have moulded their energies and that of their children into yellow gold.—There can be no liberty so long as there exists a power strong enough to wrench from the brow of toil ANY PART OF THAT WHICH SHE EARNS BY HER HONEST EFFORTS, as willing toil needs no "boss" to stand guard over her, and lay a tax upon her sweat.

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Upon the magnificent face of nature, is chiseled "co-operation," and man left alone without the help of nature and his fellow-man, would wither and perish from the face of the earth.

No one single element of nature, without the co-operation of all the other elements, could produce, in a thousand years, enough to feed and clothe a single soul.

If nature, without the assistance of her splendid mechanism, is a failure, then what a gigantic failure is

man without the assistance and co-operation of his brother.

The mission of the human family is a failure so long as any element of that family is deprived of any part of that which rightfully belongs to it.

Nature does not hesitate to fill full the lap of him who approaches her with the emblem of toil, but she recognizes no other emblem; then if there is no other emblem by which nature may be wooed than toil, why should not toil reap to the fullest extent of her wooing.

If from the bosom of nature man was created, and if to the embrace of nature man must return after having spent a season among her magnificent splendors, then why should his pilgrimage upon her fair brow be naught but a continuous round of rejoicing?

In every zephyr breeze, we hear a joyous hallelujah; in every sunbeam, there dances a nymph of pleasure; in every songbird's anthem, we hear the glad acclaim of praise; in the silent roll of the mighty deep, we hear in every froth covered wave, a happy murmur; every quivering snowflake proclaims, peace, peace, peace; but man, and man alone, is not content to live in harmony with his brother, and digs pitfalls for his weary feet, that he may profit by his fall.

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POWER, in the time of Christ, was sought in the same manner, and by the same means, and was predicated upon the same principle that it is today—SLAVES; and had such not been the case, the world would not have needed the gospel of Christ.

The accumulation of vast estates, and the piling up of towering pyramids of gold, is an impossible task for any man to perform unless he uses the UNDERPAID ENERGIES of others and confiscates and appropriates to his own use that which he did not create by his own labors, as man's own labor is the only legitimate vehicle which can be employed in the accumulation of that which sustains life; as all nature proclaims a co-operative organization of the elements to produce a single thing that can be used to sustain life; then if nature, WHICH IS THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, is unable to produce that which sustains life without the assistance and co-operation of every other element of nature, what right has man to transgress this great fundamental law, and use the energies of his brother without permitting that brother of blood and flesh to enjoy the fruits of his labor to its fullest extent?

Since nature is a failure without the co-operation of every element that composes her great mechanism, and since man is only the spawn of that great God of nature, how can he, unconcernedly violate her mandates with impunity?

From the lowest order of God's creatures to the highest, which is man, there is stamped upon each an indelible longing for liberty, and there can be no liberty so long as it must look to some earthly power for that enjoyment; as a liberty which must depend upon the selfishness of the human family for its existence, at once and immediately becomes a slave to the power which controls it.

There is no man nor set of men that seeks to control the energies of their fellow-man but who seeks this power to benefit themselves, as the mortal who finds enjoyment in realizing that he holds the power over his fellow-man, either physically or that bestowed upon him by the state, is a man so low in the scale of humanity and so void of the spirit of brotherly love that he will use that power to advance his own selfish interests.

Any act of legislation which is not predicated upon the fundamental laws of nature, is a selfish piece of legislation enacted into a law for the benefit of an individual or individuals, and not for the benefit of the masses, as there is not a single inkling in all of nature's broad domain that would indicate that any part of my honest efforts should be confiscated by an individual who desires to lighten his own burdens by making mine more un-

bearable; therefore, a law which will permit my neighbor to so corral and monopolize the things which are essential to the welfare of me and my family, and will compel me to allow him to take a part of my efforts and appropriate them to his own use, is a law founded upon the ethics of thieves and not upon the principles of liberty; as there can be no liberty so long as any part of my honest efforts are enjoyed by another without my consent.

There is no law of nature that penalizes unless some law of nature has been transgressed; then why should toil be penalized for rigidly carrying out God's injunction that "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread"?

Is there any law of God that declares that "IN THE SWEAT OF THY NEIGHBOR'S FACE THOU SHALT EAT BREAD?"

—Nay, nay, but all over this land, those who have the most bread are the ones who refuse to gather it by the sweat of their own face; and since they have bread, then some other man's sweat must have gathered it; and if such is the case, and who dare deny it, then there must be a power somewhere that has permitted the man who refused to sweat, to confiscate and appropriate that which his neighbor earned; and if there is such a POWER given to any one class of men whereby they are permitted to live by the sweat of others, and who will deny it? Then that POWER is born of the devil, as nowhere in the archives of God's written or unwritten laws can the gift of such a POWER be located; then why should not the laborer whose back

has been bearing the burdens of the universe for centuries rebel at having to give unto mammon the largest share of the things which he BY HIS OWN EFFORTS PRODUCE?

Nowhere, but in the archives of greed is there a law that permits a MAN-MADE POWER to take rank over a GOD-GIVEN LAW, as every whispering of nature and every decree of God bears the imprint of liberty, and nowhere but in the statutes of man's cunning do we find the word POWER.—A power that will permit my neighbor to so completely hedge me about with PRIVATE OWNERSHIP that he can compel me to work for him and divide a part of my efforts with him for that privilege, is a power born of devils and executed by hellians, and makes of me a COMMERCIAL SLAVE, of which there has never been a more damnable or heartless specie.

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Now, the caption of this article may lead someone to believe that we are talking of farmers who have no "bump" to wear their hats upon, but such is not the case, as it is the farmer who has a "hat knob" chock full of brains, but which he allows to rust out, and thereby wear out without use.

The editor of the RIP-SAW originated from a race of farmers who succeeded in their calling perhaps as well as other farmers who only use their heads when they went to comb them; therefore, we feel at liberty to say what we please upon this subject, and which we propose to do if the cuticle slips.

If there is a man or set of men who ought to be head and shoulders above any other man or set of men, it is undoubtedly the farmer, as he is the Alpha and Omega of everything we eat and wear, and when you take those two essentials out of man's life, you will find him about "petered" out; but the farmer of today stands away down at the foot of his class, not because he is not competent to learn his lesson, but because he has been content to slide along in the old rut of his forefathers and never offer a protest against the high-handedness of those from whom he buys and to whom he sells.

Now, we do not intend to infer

that he is sliding along in the old rut, as far as improvements are concerned, as he has improved machinery in abundance, but when he becomes a buyer he is compelled to pay the price asked by the seller, and invariably he finds no relief by going from one seller to another, as there has been a combination formed, and each of the sellers has the same price upon the same article; therefore, he finds himself at the mercy of the man or set of men whom he must purchase from.

This state of affairs perhaps he can never change, so long as he must buy from some merchant who is money-mad, for just that long such merchants are going to sell the farmer by his own yardstick, measure and scales; but it is a queer plank indeed that does not have two sides, so we propose to turn this plank over and examine the other side—which is the farmer's side.

Now, we do not take the ground that all merchants are dishonest by any manner of means, but we do know that there are some who are dishonest and should be watched, and a dishonest man should be watched and an honest man does not care for being watched.

The farmer drives to town and tells his merchant that he wants to buy ten pounds of sugar, five pounds of coffee, fifteen yards of calico, one gallon of molasses, five pounds of rice, etc., etc., and the merchant measures and weighs upon his own scales and yardstick what he sells the farmer, and the farmer stands by without a word to

say, which is about all that he can do, as he is a BUYER at this time; but this same farmer, after he gets through trading, tells Mr. Merchant that he has ten bushels of potatoes in his wagon, twenty gallons of vinegar, twelve pounds of butter, thirty bushels of wheat, and a dressed hog that weighs one hundred and sixty pounds.

What does the merchant do when he tells him this? Ah, he says, unload, John, and we will measure and weigh your "truck," when YOU have measured honestly and weighed honestly before you left home, but that don't cut any ice with Mr. Merchant, for he forces and compels you to back your wagon up and have your "truck" weighed upon his scales and measured by his measure.

When he has measured and weighed your stuff, he tells you that your hog is six pounds light, and your butter lacks three-fourths of a pound weighing as much as you claimed, and you have twenty-seven and one-half bushels of wheat instead of thirty, and your vinegar is a gallon "shy."

You know full well that you measured and weighed honestly, but still you allow the merchant to pay you for your goods according to his scales and measurements, and you buy from him according to his scales and measurements, and should you make a protest, in regard to his weights and measures he would tell you to go plum to the devil, if you did not like his style; so the RIP-SAW thinks it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, and we think that it would be just as handy for the farmer when the merchant refuses to take the farmer's weights and measures, for Mr. Farmer to gently inform Mr. Merchant that he could go to Mr. Dickens also; and if all the farmers in each neighborhood would get together and stick together after they get together, and pass a resolution that all merchants should buy at their weights and measures, it would not be long until Mr. Farmer would be just as much of a gentleman as Mr. Merchant.

Of course there are dishonest farmers as well as dishonest merchants, but taking it for granted that both the merchant and farmer are honest, then is it not a reasonable proposition that the merchant should treat the farmer with as much respect, as much courtesy, and trust his honor just as far as the farmer does the merchant?

It is the farmer's fault that everybody plucks him, as he does not place his business on a par with the business of other people, and so long as he permits those who must look to him for their daily bread to treat him as an inferior mortal, just so long he can expect to have it run into him without grease.

You may ask, what are we going to do when we go to the city with a load of wheat, a load of hogs, or a load of hay, which cannot be weighed on common farm scales? This matter is easily remedied, as the

farmers can combine and have a public scale of their own in the cities and do their own weighing and force Mr. "City Buyer" to buy at their weight; and whenever this is done the farmer will find that the donation he made towards paying for the scales will bring him in a ten-fold profit on his investment each year.

Mr. Farmer, you are Lord of the earth, and the bullpup in the kennel, but you don't know it, or if you know it you are satisfied to take a "chaw" of long green tobacco and let the other fellow run your business; and so long as you permit somebody else to run your business, just so long you will be wading around with a ventilated seat in your pants.

The thing for the farmer to do is to be HONEST in the first place, and then run his business upon business principles, and give everybody to understand that he is "IT" in his line, and if they expect to do it according to his scales and measures, for he is just as honest and as honorable as any other man on top of terra firma.

Don't buy everything that some "smooth guy" brings along and wants to sell to you, but buy what you need and keep out of debt, and when the farmer is out of debt, he has a "cinch" on the universe, and cannot be forced to sell when prices are low, but can hold his produce for a time when what he has to sell commands a better price, for that time will surely come.

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Everything you tell me will be held in strictest confidence, and I will send you the sample medicine, all charges paid, in plain wrapper. In the privacy of your own home, regain perfect health and strength and be released from all the suffering and discouragement of disease.

When I send you the medicine, I will also send you free my household book, telling the cause and treatment of diseases. This book is the product of the knowledge gained of years of labor. I will send it to you free.

Tell me in your own words what you are suffering from.

It makes no difference how many doctors and remedies have failed to cure you.

My practice is so vast and my work so varied that I have become known throughout America as a specialist to whom any sick person may come and feel sure of obtaining relief.

I treat more sick people in a year and restore them to old time health and vigor than most doctors treat in a lifetime. Is it any wonder then, with all this knowledge of disease, that I am so successful and that many people say I have cured them after hope seemed gone.

I am not boastful of this but I am proud to think that the work of my life is being crowned with such glorious success in doing good to sick and suffering people. I like to cure sick people.

DR. E. P. KING, 508 Security Trust Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

Are you up to date? Well—let us see. What time have you? How many of our readers will have to hesitate! "I have no watch"—or—"my watch has stopped." Or, perhaps your watch is running fast or slow. Nine chances in ten you cannot tell the correct time.

You know, I believe there is nothing that indicates more in any man or an lady an air of being somebody, of being up to date, of enjoying prosperity—than to carry a really first-class, fine-looking watch.

You can afford to save on many ordinary luxuries in order to possess such a time-piece. That is why the editor of this paper is particularly glad to call your attention to the great watch offer on this page—an offer that I personally recommend.

You May Buy on Time

For although it costs more than the ordinary "cheap" watches, it is sold on a direct offer at the positive rock-bottom price, and in addition those who prefer to buy on time can get easy payments at \$2.50 a month and yet at the rock-bottom price.

Such is the offer made direct to the public by the large and fearless concern, the Burlington Watch Company.

And this has been made necessary on account of the way manufacturers and dealers in this watch trade hang together in boosting other goods.

If you are posted on watches you have undoubtedly heard heretofore of the factory producing Burlington watches; and now you have the opportunity to own this absolutely superior time-piece, thanks to the special direct offer.

What if the watch does cost a little more than the "cheap," inferior watches—you can get it for \$2.50 a month at the very rock-bottom price, and with the Burlington direct guarantee. It is the most economical watch in the long run.

Beautiful Watch Pleases All

Yes, I am enthusiastic about this Burlington Special no-trust watch, for I heard of this latest superb product of the Burlington Company a short time ago, even before it was ready for sale. As soon as the watches were put on sale I bought one and showed it to my friends.

You ought to have heard how they were pleased and surprised. Pleased when I showed them the case, the double-sunk dial, the delicately fine movements and other features of the very, very finest watches.

Surprised when I told them the price—a direct to the consumer no-trust price—on this superb Burlington Special watch.

Well, after I had bought my watch a lady neighbor of ours bought one also—the ladies' Burlington watch—and surely if you had seen it—well, I know you would not think of buying any other kind of watch for your wife, daughter or lady friend.

Better Not Miss This Chance

Now, do not miss an opportunity like this. Just consider what a fine thing it is for a man—a young man or an older man—to own the superb and latest product of the honest, reliable Burlington factory—the greatest factory the world has ever known, not in quantity of product but in quality. No matter whether you are employed on a salary or are in business for yourself, or are running a farm, you ought to have this watch.

The Burlington watch book, which you can get free, quotes surprising rock bottom prices on all Burlington Special watches—one-half and less than one-half the price ordinarily charged for first-class watches.

And if you do not want to pay cash in full you can pay \$2.50 per month—\$2.50 a month for only part of a year and then the payments cease, but your fine Burlington Special watch goes on, year after year, faithfully ticking off the seconds and accurately recording the time from decade to decade.

The Editor advises you once more not to overlook this offer. Sign the coupon new and get a free book of watch facts and prices on the superb Burlington Special watch. Better attend to this at once.

Fighting the Trust

Get the Benefit

Of the most remarkable offer ever made on a high-grade watch.

Do Not Miss this opportunity to get the best watch made anywhere in the world—not the biggest seller, but acknowledged among experts as the best—the genuine BURLINGTON watch—sold by our no-trust plan—on a rock-bottom offer—at no-trust price—one price, direct to the public (and, if desired, on terms of \$2.50 a month).

Get Posted on watches—on the fine points of superior quality in watches—(on the secret trust price and the no-trust prices)—get posted before you buy a watch.

Write At Once for Our Free Book on Watches. This free book will tell you not only about the trust but especially about the superior quality of the superb Burlington. And to prove that quality to you we have issued our

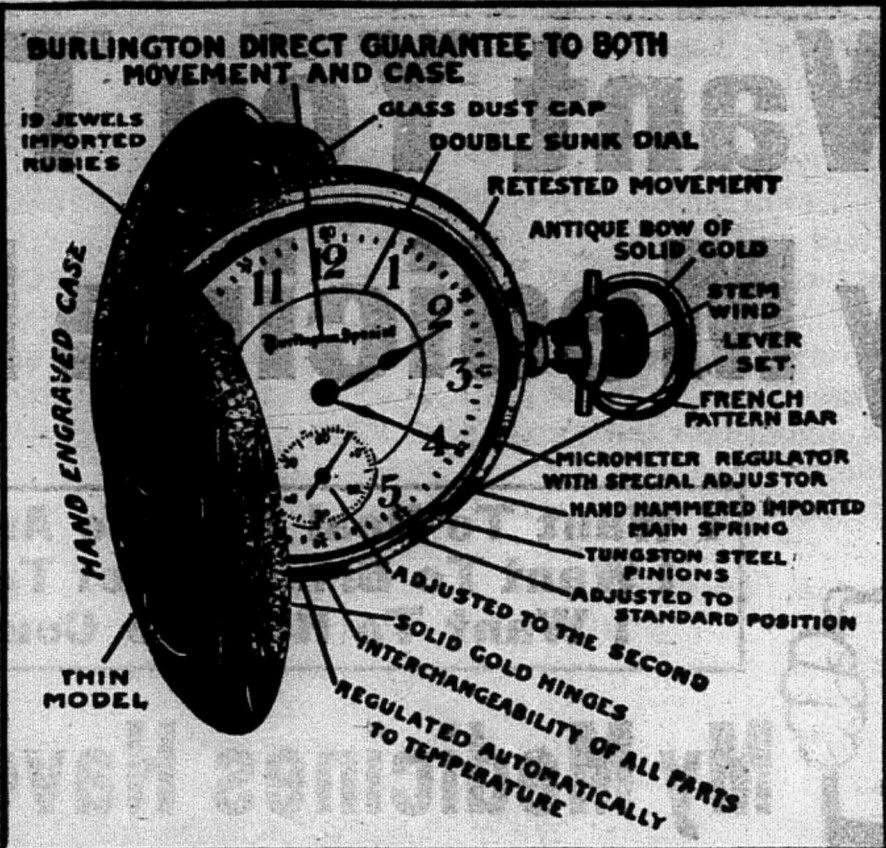
\$1,000.00 Challenge

How the Challenge Started: The Waltham Watch Company published a challenge to all foreign factories to put 50 foreign watches against 50 Waltham watches in a competitive test of time keeping, the whole 100 watches to become the property of the winner. For copy of this challenge, read our free booklet.

Why Did the Waltham Company carefully confine its challenge to foreign competitors? Of course the Waltham can afford to challenge Swiss watches, for American-made watches are certainly better—but would the Waltham dare to face a test with the Burlington?

We Challenge the Waltham (also Elgin)

We have deposited in the Colonial T. & S. Bank of Chicago \$1,000.00 in cash to be forfeited to the winner. We absolutely and positively back any Burlington against any Waltham (or Elgin) of the same size and grade; and we make this challenge irrespective of price, NO MATTER WHAT PRICE the Waltham or Elgin charge. The loser in this contest is to forfeit his \$1,000.00. The bank now holds the \$1,000.00.—Why do not the Waltham or Elgin accept this challenge?



\$2.50 a Month

Buys the Burlington Special — (acknowledged the finest and best made watch in the world)—and at the Rock-Bottom—NO-TRUST—direct price.

No Money Down! We ship the watch on approval, prepaid (your choice of lady's or gentleman's open face or hunting case). You risk absolutely nothing—you pay nothing—not one cent—unless you want the great offer after seeing and thoroughly inspecting the watch.

Sign the coupon and get the free Burlington catalog.

Harry Fisher, Advertising Manager of the RIP SAW, has one of the Burlington Special Watches, and I want to assure you that it is an absolutely magnificent timepiece. Indeed, this is a rare opportunity to get the superbly beautiful Burlington at a rock bottom direct offer. I should like to see the readers of the RIP SAW posted on the inside facts of the watch business; so better write for the free Burlington watch book.

BE SURE to write for our booklet telling all about this challenge, and pointing out the superior quality of the Burlington (at its one direct price) and giving you other facts of importance about watches, especially trust watches.

WE CALL THE BIG FACTORIES A TRUST BECAUSE (with the prices on over twenty similar movements EXACTLY IDENTICAL) THEY HAVE A MUTUAL ARRANGEMENT OF NOTICE ON CHANGE OF PRICES.

And the FACTS in this booklet with reports from the Congressional Records, speeches in Congress, and briefs now before the Department of Justice in Washington, will quickly convince you that the American people are paying two prices for trust watches.

THIS BOOKLET will quickly convince you too that you DO want a no-trust watch—made in a smaller but better factory—the independent factory that is fighting the trust as best it can by giving better quality and superior workmanship throughout; we will quickly convince you that the Burlington watch, on which there is only one rock-bottom price (the same rock-bottom price everywhere) is THE watch for the discriminating buyer; that it is THE watch for the man or woman who wants, not the largest selling brand which everybody has, but the best watch, the watch bought by experts, THE watch that is absolutely perfect in its many points of superiority—the Burlington watch.

YOU WILL BE POSTED on inside facts and prices when you send for the Burlington Company's free book on watches.

WHEN YOU READ OUR FREE BOOK you will see also how the dealers and jobbers and trust factories hang together in this watch deal (you will have it all shown clearly by extracts from the U. S. Congressional Records and Briefs before the U. S. Department of Justice.) This explains why we offer the Burlington direct at a price that astounds the entire jewelry trade and besides on payments of \$2.50 a month.

Book on Watches

FREE

Just your name and address—that is all

WRITE AT ONCE for the free book. It will tell you what you OUGHT to know before you even examine a watch. It will tell you the inside facts about watch prices and will explain the many superior points of the Burlington over the highest priced trust products. Just send your name and address right now, today.

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Please send me (without obligation and prepaid) your free book on watches and copy of your \$1,000.00 challenge to the Waltham or Elgin with full explanations of your cash or \$2.50 a month offer on the Burlington Watch.

Name

Address

NO LETTER NECESSARY; COUPON WILL DO.