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Defeat of the Railroad Workers

By EUGENE V. DEBS

When President Wilson induced the representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods to turn their demand for an eight-hour day and extra pay for overtime over to congress he simply succeeded in defeating the demand so far as results to date are concerned. The Adamson law nominally established the eight-hour day but in fact did nothing of the kind. This was on the eve of the national election and it was wisely provided for the benefit of the railroads that the law should not become effective until the first day of January following. This tided the railroads and the national Democratic administration safely over the national election and gave the railroads ample time after the election was over to prevent the law from being put into effect by injunction proceedings or by having it declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

But the action of President Wilson and congress was hailed as a great victory by the leaders of the brotherhoods and they forthwith began to whoop it up for the re-election of President Wilson and the Democratic party, issuing burning appeals to the rank and file to vote the Democratic ticket, which most of them did, and now what have they to show for it?

Some of the great railroad officials, wise enough to understand the game, came out enthusiastically for President Wilson and his administration but they, unlike the brotherhoods, have something to show for the political support they gave the Democratic party.

The Adamson law is in the air and no one is any longer bold enough to venture even a guess as to what kind of a gold brick it actually is or what final disposition is to be made of it. The

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only thing that seems certain, according to Chairman Adamson himself, is that congress will present the railroad brotherhoods with a compulsory arbitration law which will practically prohibit strikes and bind the employes to the corporations as their vassals.

The result of this latest move-

ment on the part of the leaders of the brotherhoods is even more disastrous than was that which culminated in the arbitration fiasco at Chicago something less than two years ago when these

leaders discovered, after the award had been made of the proverbial gold brick, that the gentlemen who sat on the board and conducted the arbitration, and were supposed to represent the "public," were owners of railroad stocks and acted wholly for the benefit of the railroads. It would seem that this experience should

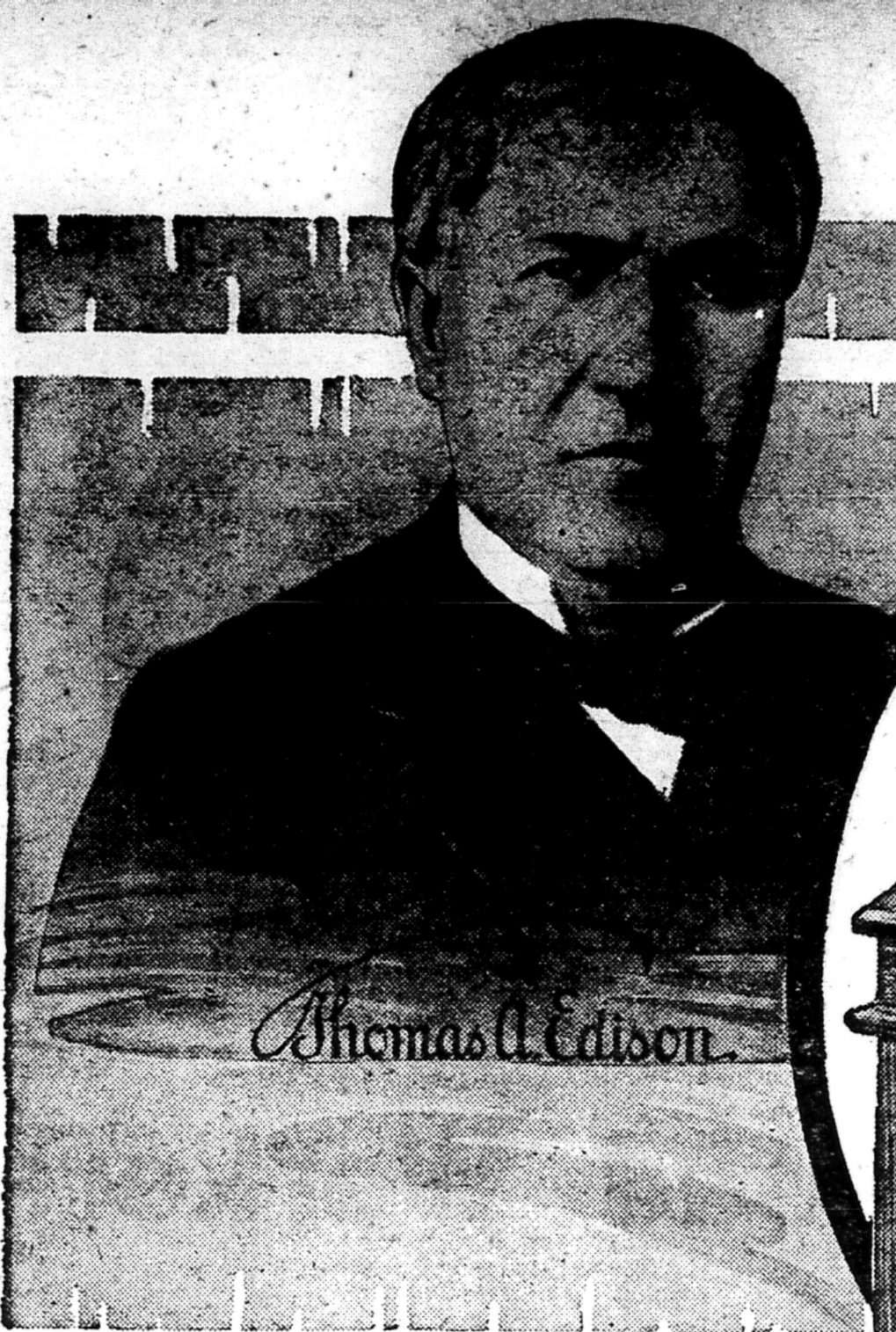
have been sufficient to open the eyes of the brotherhood leaders and that they would be too wary to walk into another trap set by the railroads and by the politicians in the service of railroad interests. But a second and a far more costly experience has fallen to the lot of these leaders, and the buncoed rank and file will have to foot the entire bill.

Since the first inception of this movement on the part of the brotherhoods it has cost the rank and file more than two million dollars in cold cash, wrung from their hard earnings, and for this they have received practically no return whatever.

At the present writing congress is wrangling over the Adamson law and subsidiary measures while it is gravely announced that that nest of corporation owls known as the supreme court will in its own good time decide upon the constitutionality of the law. Everything relating to the eight-hour day and extra pay for overtime is in a hopeless state of confusion. It is a fine mess the politicians have made of it, with the co-operation of the brotherhood leaders, while the many thousands of innocent victims look on helplessly and wonder if the promised relief is ever to come. They have paid dearly once more for the gold brick, the second one, graciously handed them by the railroads and the politicians with the sanction of their leaders.

It may be that congress will yet establish the eight-hour day with the overtime demanded for the railroad workers but it is
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Editorials

By Eugene V. Debs

THE TWIN RELIGIOUS SAVIORS

What has become of Goldstein and Collins, the converted Jew and the unconverted Irishman who were turned loose by the exploiting capitalist class to wipe out the Socialist movement? We see no more extended accounts in the capitalist papers about their wonderful speeches, and since the war in Europe we hear not a word more about "nations of fatherless children."

Have these twin gladiators subsided because their paymasters discovered that they were helping Socialism by disgusting decent people with their indecent exhibitions and therefore put a crimp in their pay checks? Or was this brace of bogus exhorters, this Jew-Irish crusade to rescue the money-pots of the thieves from the designs of their despoiled victims in the blessed name of religion, animated solely by altruistic motives, with no thought of filthy lucre for reward? Hardly.

Our attention has been called to a financial statement in the "Columbiad," official organ of the Knights of Columbus, in which it appears that Windbag Pete and Three-Shell Dave have been straining their muscles pulling down the long green for their religious and patriotic sacrifices.

The statement in question is the report of the Supreme Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus and it shows that Collins tapped the till to the tune of \$6,100.00 and that Goldstein hit the bullseye in vouchers aggregating \$5,500.00, all for a single year, to say nothing of other pickings.

There is nothing small in the wage schedule of this brace of alleged trade unionists. The Celt and Hebrew, fused together, certainly make a strong combination, to whose cavernous breeches-pockets the shining kopeks of the plutes are attracted as saw-filings are to the magnet.

Socialism still lives, but will the "Columbiad" have the kindness to inform the Socialists who have from the start been wise to this Collins-Goldstein bunco game where these thousands of dollars came from that now line the pockets of this brace of brazen frauds and imposters masquerading as religious saviors under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus?

Also, will the "Columbiad" please state for the benefit of union cigar makers and union electric workers in general, in whose name Goldstein and Collins have been parading their cheek and expectorating their gall, where they too can get next to the same kind of a juicy graft?

To organize along industrial lines upon the basis of the class struggle the workers assuredly lay the solid foundation of the industrial commonwealth.

Tackle a big job in a big way and stick to it without flinching if you aspire to develop the spirit and stature of a man.

ROBERT MINOR'S ARREST

The plot is steadily thickening out on the Pacific coast. The latest development is the arrest of Robert Minor, the famous cartoonist, in connection with the alleged conspiracy which is charged with culminating in the bomb explosion in the preparedness parade in San Francisco last summer. Thomas Mooney and other labor leaders are now on trial charged with that conspiracy and every possible effort is being made by the United Railways, that notorious gang of labor robbers and union wreckers to convict them. Robert Minor has been the central figure in exposing these high-handed plutocratic criminals and so hot has he succeeded in making it for them that they have now turned upon him and charged him with complicity in the alleged crime for which Thomas Mooney and others are being prosecuted. The arrest of Robert Minor and Alexander Berkman, but serves to expose the plot of the capitalist

conspirators the more completely. They have been robbing the state, plundering the people, corrupting the ballot, debauching the judiciary and committing other infamous crimes too numerous to mention and now in their desperation they attempt to strangle the voices of those who dared to stand in opposition to their thieving, murderous regime.

The high cost of living is the price the working class have to pay for the privilege of voting the capitalist class ticket on election day.

Give us socialists, real socialists, to plant upon the firing line and we shall not want for results on election day or any other day of the year.

JACK LONDON

The death of this noble comrade leaves a vacancy in the Socialist movement and in the world of revolutionary literature that never can be filled. It seems impossible to realize that Jack London is dead and in real truth he is not dead. His body has gone back to mother earth, but his great soul remains in the cause to which he gave his life. The very name of Jack London thrills and throbs in the senses of millions of his fellow-men, and they who personally knew him loved him as a brother, and such he was, especially to the disinherited, the wretched and homeless, whose lot he had shared, whose heartache he had felt, and who nestled close to his great heart until it was stilled in death.

Jack London stood alone in the revolutionary movement. His genius flashed upon the world as from a beacon tower. There is not one that can be compared to him. Born in poverty, flung into the abyss in his childhood, he floundered in it along with the myriads of *les misérables* until he had absorbed its very dregs and then by the force of his genius he began the marvelous ascent which did not cease until he stood upon the very pinnacle of world-wide fame.

The character of our Jack was sound to the core and his heart true in every throb. Fortune and fame, so-called, did not in the least turn his head. On the contrary his contempt increased for the pampered parasites that would patronize him simply because he had achieved success and his name was on the lips of the world. He knew why they smiled upon him and with what scorn and loathing they would still look upon him if he were but a mere human being, one of the many millions out of whose unpaid labor these parasites glut their perverted appetites.

Jack London's books occupy a unique and enviable position in the world's literature. His characters are all virile and vivid as his own striking personality. There is the reddest of blood in all his types, the kind that flowed in his own veins and filled him with the exuberant spirit and the vigorous and lofty purpose of a man. Jack never had a half-hearted purpose nor ever did a weak thing in his life. He had the loftiest of courage, amounting to heroism, and he used all his splendid strength for the encouragement of the weak, the hope of the despairing, and the emancipation of the oppressed and enslaved.

Jack found his chief inspiration in his gifted and loyal wife. She was to him a companion and a comrade indeed. With her he counseled, with her he dreamed and planned, and with her inspiring aid he wrought out his masterpieces of literature.

And this, our beloved comrade, is dead at forty! This strongest and bravest of all is cut down in his very youth, a stripling still, and we are dazed and cannot understand it.

But he is not gone. He is with us yet. We can still feel the pressure of his good right hand, hear the beating of his brave, tender

heart, and feel the warmth and glow of his great, loving comrade-soul.

We will not say farewell to Jack. Nor will the world, for Jack London will live and his works endure until humanity itself has run its course and all planetary life sinks into extinction.

The national election is over and capitalism is in the saddle for four years more. Labor continues as usual to function under the saddle.

There is never a moment for a Socialist to waste in vain regret or a tear to shed over what might have been. His duty always lies ahead and the only way to atone for the past is to work all the harder for the future.

ENORMOUS INCREASE IN FOREIGN TRADE

The foreign trade of the United States, due to the war in Europe, has developed to proportions compared with which all previous records sink into insignificance. A press dispatch from Washington reads as follows: "Prospects that the United States foreign trade for this year would total \$7,800,000,000 was announced today by the Department of Commerce. The foreign trade for eleven months was \$7,148,000,000. November exports topped the list with \$517,900,000."

This means that our foreign trade has been more than tripled since the war; that we are now exporting our products to Europe at the rate of more than the staggering sum of FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS PER MONTH; that a few plutocrats are reaping billions of dollars out of this harvest of blood, and that this lies at the bottom of preparedness and patriotism and the rest of the bunc these buccaneers are feeding to the people to perpetuate the system in which war is created to develop trade to enrich a few pirates while the great mass of the people remain industrial slaves or become food for cannon.

Query: Is it strange that the cost of living is so high when more than five hundred million dollars worth of our food products and other supplies are shipped out of the country every month?

The real test of a Socialist is to stick when those who call themselves Socialists lose heart and desert.

How can any man ever get discouraged in the greatest fight ever waged for the greatest victory and the richest prize ever won since the world began?

COWARDLY ATTACKS UPON LABOR

Capitalism, corner-stoned in industrial robbery and buttressed by political corruption, is essentially craven and cowardly. It does not fight in the open. It fights as it robs, in the most sneaking and cowardly way.

Let a strike occur in which labor has some chance of winning and capitalism lets loose its injunctions, backed up by cut-throats and gunmen. But the most cowardly and contemptible feature in its fighting program is its arrest of labor leaders on trumped up charges as a means of breaking up strikes and crushing unions.

Thirty years ago the so-called anarchists at Chicago fell victims to this sneaking, craven and contemptible method of warfare. Not one of them was guilty of crime and yet they were all hanged or imprisoned as a means of crushing the rising labor movement.

Since that time no great strike has occurred in which the leaders were not singled out for corporate vengeance. Hundreds of them have served and are now serving prison sentences who should never have been even tried.

Among recent strikes may be mentioned the ones at Lawrence, Paterson, Paint Creek, Calumet, Ludlow, Mesabe Range and others, in each of which the leaders were arrested on bogus charges and convicted upon purchased or perjured testimony. In several cases the victims were threatened with execution but finally let off with prison sentences.

In not a single instance in all these strikes was one of the leaders guilty of crime. In every case the charges were trumped up and the case framed for conviction simply to discredit the union, break up the strike, and keep the slaves in subjection.

In these infamous prosecutions in its own courts capitalism reflects its own sordid, soulless nature and its own inherent and contemptible cowardice. It knows how to stab in the back just as it knows how to grind up little children; how to strike a bound and gagged victim as well as to rob a blind cripple.

Capitalism has labor leaders arrested and threatened with execution not only to discredit organized labor but to load it down with debts and bankrupt it in its continuous struggle to keep its leaders from being hanged or going to the penitentiary.

Capitalism is organized crime and corruption and all the workers of the world ought to rise in revolt against it.

BRACE UP, COMRADES!

A new year has dawned and its call is to make it a brighter and better one than the one which has just closed and passed into eternity.

The Socialist party needs workers now who know how to give their best efforts to the building up of the party. Organization is today of more vital importance to the Socialist movement than any other one thing. At every point where a local is possible one should be instituted, and at every point where one is already established it should be built up and made strong for the future.

Political and industrial organization of the working class! Who shall venture to say that anything can be more important in the struggle for emancipation!

Organization is power and power is victory, provided of course organization is based upon sound principles and is properly directed by those in control. Socialist organization, both industrial and political, is the organization of the rank and file, Democratic organization without an autocratic element to distort it.

Comrades, let this be a year of organization! East and West and North and South let us unite hands and hearts and set to work with the determination to make this year the crowning year in the work of organizing the Socialist movement in the United States.

Strange, isn't it, that so many workingmen have their heads broken for striking against what they voted for?

"THE NEW SOCIAL STRUCTURE"

This is the title of a new booklet containing an exposition for propaganda purposes of Socialism and the mission of the Socialist movement by Caroline A. Lowe, well and favorably known to our readers. Comrade Lowe was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Kansas City, where her work was highly commended, and it was here that she began the study of Socialism and later severed her relations with the public schools to give her entire time to the Socialist movement. Comrade Lowe has held responsible positions in the national office, has written much that has attracted attention and has traveled extensively on speaking tours for the Socialist party. She is especially effective in her work and this latest booklet from her pen on "The New Social Structure" is the best she has yet written and deserves all the circulation that can be given it. The contents are in the form of an address which Comrade Lowe has delivered at various places with excellent effect. The evidence of deep study and clear thinking is apparent throughout the address. It is admirably adapted to popular propaganda, especially among teachers and pupils. It sells for ten cents and can be had by addressing the author, Caroline A. Lowe, 581 Thirteenth St., Oakland, Calif. We heartily commend this booklet to our readers.

When the capitalist masters have wheedled the slaves out of their votes they reward them with court injunctions, riot-sticks and prison cells.

KEEP IN GOOD STANDING

There are those among us, not a few in number, who apparently regard their membership in the Socialist party very lightly. They do not seem to understand that they are under any obligation to make good the pledge they took when they joined the party. Especially is this true in reference to the payment of dues, as the books of almost any local will attest to the discredit of a not inconsiderable part of the membership.

How can you, my comrade, allow yourself to appear delinquent on the books? You know the dues is but a trifle, that the party cannot exist without paying its way, and that you have pledged yourself to bear your small share of the burden. Then why do you not do it? Can you excuse yourself to your comrades, or even in your own eyes, for allowing yourself to appear as a deadhead on the delinquent list for the paltry sum of twenty-five cents a month?

If you are out of a job or too poor to pay the local will surely make provision to carry you until you can spare the money. But if you can afford to pay this very small amount per month, as nearly every one can who will, then there is absolutely no excuse for falling in arrears and no true Socialist will be guilty of such remissness to his party obligation. Delinquency without excuse amounts to almost denial and repudiation of the party and its principles.

If you have not interest enough in the party to pay the few cents monthly necessary to keep the party in existence then better withdraw honorably instead of allowing yourself to be ignominiously dropped for the non-payment of an amount so trifling that you should blush to think of it. If you have but a spark of manliness you will not suffer yourself to be branded as a delinquent, a species deadbeat, for so paltry a bit of change. You would scorn to sell out so cheap.

Pay up, comrade, and keep in good standing! The party needs the money and you need the party, and you will feel far better in good standing with a clear conscience than to have your name on the delinquent list and your membership under a cloud.

THE TALE OF A RIB

Kate Richards O'Hare

CHAPTER FOUR

When we pass from the story the Bible tells of woman's status, there is little in ordinary history that is worth while. Painfully and with infinite patience, one must thresh mountains of "historical" chaff to gather here and there a grain of wheat. With painstaking care one may plod through a thousand years of the history of the Turkish race as given by Sir Edward Creasy in his "History of The Ottoman Empire" only to find that there were neither women nor workingmen in all these years of history; only warriors. In all of the two fat volumes of Hallam's "History of the Middle Ages" there is not one single line dealing with the life and conditions of the women of the times of which he writes, and these instances may be multiplied a thousand times.

A study of the laws of the nations is the most fertile field for one who cares to delve into the story of woman's past. For in laws we find woman's position accurately defined, and law, like religion, tells the story with no intention of doing so. If we wish to construct anything like a true picture of woman's march across the ages, we must depend upon the evidence found in laws and religions; for conventional history is almost worthless for the purpose.

Women wrote no history, and men could not if they wished to tell the story, and certainly they had no wish to tell it. No book has ever yet been written that lays bare the woman heart and soul, and no voice has ever spoken the secrets of her mind. No man can know what women feel and no woman dare tell it. If, for but a single day, every woman spoke the exact truth and expressed her thoughts without disguise, chaos would reign and society would be turned upside-down. This book will not tell the story of womankind as I see it, because if it did tell it so, the book would never be printed. We live in a man's world, and in it women speak not by right, but by permission.

Men own the publishing houses and the avenues of publicity; men buy and pay for the books published and it is men's tastes and pocketbooks that must be consulted; so naturally this book will be well shaped to masculine thought before it sees the light of day. A few generations hence perhaps, when women own and manage publishing houses and are economically free enough to buy such literature as they choose, our great-great-grand-daughters may write exactly what they feel to be true, but it is not for the women of my generation. If, even in our own time, the

true story of women may not be told, how much less possible it was two thousand years ago.

At the time when Jesus tramped about the hills and vales of Galilee, teaching his simple creed of love and justice and brotherhood to the working class, Rome had become a world of power; and in tracing the history of Rome and the nations she conquered as that history is expressed in religions and laws, we may trace the path of race progress.

Judging from the laws of Rome as well as from the opinions expressed by the early Christian fathers, conditions must have been as vile and corrupt as the debased minds of man could bring about. August Bebel in his "Woman" gives a picture of this period. He says: "As Rome grew in wealth and power, vice and licentiousness of the worst kind replaced the moral austerity of its early days. Rome became the center from which lewdness, debauchery and sensual finesse spread over the entire civilized world of that period. . . . Men and women vied with each other in immorality. The number of public brothals grew rapidly, and besides 'Greek love' (sodomy) was practiced more and more by the men. At one time the number of male prostitutes in Rome was greater than the number of female prostitutes. The courtesans appeared in great pomp, surrounded by their admirers, on the street and the promenade, in the circus and the theatres, sometimes reclining on couches carried by negroes, holding mirrors in their hands, decked with jewels, fanned by slaves and surrounded by a swarm of boys, eunuchs and flute players. . . . These debaucheries assumed such dimensions in the Roman Empire that they threatened its very existence. The bad example set by the men was followed by the women. There were women, so Seneca reports, who did not count their years by consuls, as was customary, but by the number of their husbands."

Adultery was one of the most common forms of amusement in Rome and while the laws dealing with the female adulterers were very strict, a practical method of outwitting the law was found. The fashionable and aristocratic women registered as prostitutes and in this manner high society found a legal way in which to indulge its favorite pastime. But even the ruling class of Rome could not outwit old Mother Nature. Debauchery always means a falling birthrate, and the master class of Rome was threatened with extinction because it had become too corrupt to reproduce itself.

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The master class of Rome was numerically only a very small proportion of the population, for the great mass of the people were slaves and since at least one-half of the slaves in any given social order are women, the slave women of Rome must be reckoned with. The luxury and licentiousness of the master class of Rome, was just as glaring in contrast with the misery and squalor of the millions of men and women slaves of Rome, as is the vicious luxury of Fifth Avenue in contrast with the wretchedness of a Colorado coal camp or Pennsylvania steel mill town. The laws of Rome were slightly more vicious and savage in dealing with the chattel slave of that day than are the laws of the modern trust owners in dealing with the modern industrial slave. In essential points, however, they have much in common.

The Roman master had the cheerful habit of feeding the slaves to the wild animals in the arena, roasting them on a spit, or slitting their gullets with a dagger. The modern trust owner is not so coarse in his mastery; he employs the more Christian method of "firing" them off their job and allowing

them to starve to death, or he calls out the militia and shoots them full of bullet holes in the name of "law and order." The slave women of Rome were subject to every whim and caprice of drunken, licentious, brutal masters, to a somewhat greater extent than the modern wage earning woman is subject to the vagaries of "Wall Street" or the lustful brutality of foremen and managers of modern business. If a Roman master were murdered by one of his outraged slaves, every other slave in his household, even his freedmen and freedwomen were tortured, not only that the guilty one might be caught, but also that a lesson might be taught the other slaves. And it was only under torture that a slave's testimony carried the slightest weight. This pleasant custom is much akin to the "third degree" used by the police of all our modern cities.

Naturally such loose laws led to abuses, and the thoughtless, unpatriotic Roman gentlemen slaughtered so many of their slaves that a dearth of slave labor was threatened and the state was compelled to enact laws for the preservation of the working class, just as our government has been compelled to enact laws for the protection of our wage-working class. Claudius, in the year of 54 A. D. ordained that: "Since sick and infirm slaves were being exposed on an island in the Tiber, sacred to Aesculapius, because their masters did not wish to bother about attending them, all those who were so exposed were to be set free if they recovered, and never be returned to their masters." Hadrian, in the year of 138 A. D., modified the old laws and forbade that slaves should be put to death by their masters and decreed that they should be tried by regularly appointed judges. Antoninus in the year of 161 decreed that: "A master, who without cause kills his slave, is ordered to be held no less than he who kills another's slave." He ordered that "If the cruelty of the masters seemed intolerable they should be compelled to sell their slaves." (A "Short History of Woman's Rights." Eugene A. Hecker.)

On this Roman background of luxury, lust and licentiousness for the master class and slavery, sordidness and subjection for the workers, the gospel of Jesus shone forth a marvelous promise and rich in hope, and it found the women and the slaves ready to embrace it gladly. In the teaching of Jesus the women of the master class thought they saw a path out of the morass of lust and vice that encompassed them, and the slaves found hope of freedom. The women and the slaves of Rome flocked to the standards of early Christianity urged on by the courage of desperation. It seemed a forlorn hope but in that very desperation early Christianity found it amazing strength, and Rome found her marvelous weakness. Imperial Rome that had conquered the world went down in utter defeat before a handful of ragged, fanatic slaves and soul-sick desperate women. Military power and astute statesmanship were both powerless before the force of an idea, and brute force fails utterly when brought to bear on a "mob of fanatics" who die for their faith shouting hymns of glory and songs of gladness. The women of Rome had nothing to live for but the task of glutting the beastly lust of licentious lunatics and the slaves were in the habit of being slaughtered so frequently that it came quite

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natural to them to die. So martyrdom was not bad at all in comparison with what the women and slaves already endured; it provided a glorious way to escape the hell of life and offered heaven after death. Christianity stood forth in such glaring contrast to the beastly materialism that ruled Rome that its appeal to women was irresistible. It also represented rebellion and hope of freedom for the slaves and it found in the Roman world a rich soil for its growth.

Although the teaching of Jesus made such an irresistible appeal to the women and the working class of Rome, and though they flocked to its standards through slaughter and martyrdom, the rewards that organized Christianity have been niggardly indeed. Christianity simply grafted on to the brutal laws of Rome the narrow-minded theology of the Hebrew religion which had always counted women of less importance than cattle and the combination is one from which the human race has suffered through all the centuries and still suffers to this day.

The opinions expressed by the pious old fathers of the church on the woman question would be very, very amusing if it were not for the injustice and suffering, the misery and stark tragedy they imply. These poor old fathers must have lived in ever-lasting conflict between their natural hankering after female flesh and the insane asceticism that was the result of the revolt against Roman licentiousness. Manlike, the good fathers blamed it all on the women and held us responsible for all the woes of mankind. According to their story men are naturally chaste and spend the greater part of their blameless lives dodging the seductive females who have designs on their virtue.

St. Jerome insists that women are naturally weaker physically and morally than men and he declares that all evils spring from women, and piously decides that marriage is indeed a lottery, and the vices of women are too many to make it worth while. St. Maximus declares that the female sex is practiced in deceiving, and Bishop Morbodus called women a pleasant evil, at once a honeycomb and a poison. St. Augustine decided that women were not created in the image and likeness of God and therefore, he commanded them not to perform any of the functions of men and to yield ready and absolute obedience to their husbands. He also declared that for a daughter to marry without the consent of her father, was fornication. In fact this good father, like Paul looked upon marriage as a necessary evil, a concession to the weakness of man and only to be permitted as the lesser of two evils. St. Ambrose opines that celibacy is the life of the Angels, and this may be true, not because the angels want to live celibate lives, but because, these same good fathers declare, there are only male angels in Heaven, and chastity under such conditions might be not a choice, but a hard necessity. St. Optatus says that celibacy is a spiritual kind of marriage, and maybe it is, but the good fathers found this spiritual kind of marriage a very poor substitute for the real thing and were in everlasting danger of falling victims to the wiles of flesh and blood women. Tertullian bewails: "Women, ye ought to go about clad in mourning and rags, your eyes filled with tears of remorse to make us forget that you have been mankind's destruction. Women, ye are the gates of hell! Celibacy must be chosen even though the human race should perish." Hieronymus says: "Matrimony is always a vice, all that can be done is to excuse it and sanctify it; therefore it was made a religious sacrament." Origen declares: "Matrimony is impure and unholy; a means of sensual passion." And to escape temptation this good father mutilated himself. St. Thomas of Aquino says: "Woman is a rapidly growing weed, an imperfect being. Her body attains maturity more rapidly only because it

is of less value, and nature is engaged less in her making. Women are born to be eternally maintained under the yoke of their lords and masters, endowed by nature with superiority in every respect, and therefore destined to rule."

The pious fathers overlooked nothing in their effort to teach to women, humility; and to men, the dangers of seduction, for St. Augustine forbids nuns to bathe oftener than once a month, possibly because of the danger a clean nun would be to godly fathers. Tertullian with the broad viewpoint that churchmen so frequently display, argued that since God did not make crimson or green sheep, that it was a bad thing for women to wear colors that God had not produced naturally. Of course he overlooked the brilliant plumage of the birds and held fast to sheep, but that is characteristic of churchmen also.

After three hundred years of endless failure on the part of the Roman emperors to crush Christianity, Constantine ascended the throne, and he was too wise to attempt success where so many others had failed. He knew he could not crush Christianity but he must control it. So, instead of roasting the Christians on his spits or feeding them to his savage pets, he benevolently, assimilated them, and Christianity became the state religion of Rome in the year 313. With Christianity on the throne, the teachings of the pious fathers became a part of the legal codes of the empire and to the brutality of Roman law was added the more brutal attitude of the Christian fathers towards women. Christianity, far from freeing women from servitude and lifting her out of the mire, but riveted the shackles the closer and pushed women lower down in degradation. There was not one wrong that heathen Rome heaped upon women that Christian Rome did not retain and enlarge, and many rights that heathen Rome gave women were taken from them by Christian Rome. Eugene A. Hecker in his "Short History of Woman's Rights" summarizes the whole question: "As soon as the church begins to exercise an influence upon the law, we shall expect to see the legal position of women changed in accordance with the general principles. . . . The legal rights of women would be affected moreover, by a difference in the spirit of the law. The Roman jurist derived his whole sanction from reason and never allowed religious considerations, as such, to influence him when legislating on women. He recognized that laws are not immutable, but must change to fit the growth of equity and tolerance. No previous authority was valid to him if reason suggested that the authority's dictum had outlived its usefulness and must be adapted to larger ideas. It never occurred to him to make the inferiority of woman an act of God. On the other hand the Church referred everything to the one unchanging authoritative source, the Gospels, and the writings of the Apostles; faith and authority took the place of reason; and any attempt to question the injunctions of the Bible was regarded as an act of impiety, to be punished accordingly. And so the various regulations about women now had a divine sanction, the permanence of these convictions was doubly assured."

Gradually the attitude of the Christian fathers towards women took form in what is known as "Canon law" with which we shall deal later; but we must first deal with monasticism and prostitution. Human progress comes by the mighty swing of the pendulum of action and reaction, and the beastly materialism of Rome produced the reaction of asceticism and mysticism that found expression in the monasteries and nunneries established by the early Christians. The fundamental idea of monasticism seemed to be that the sure way of saving one's soul was to withdraw from the world, shut one's self up behind the grim walls of a monastery and crucify the flesh. The pious old Christian fathers knew that

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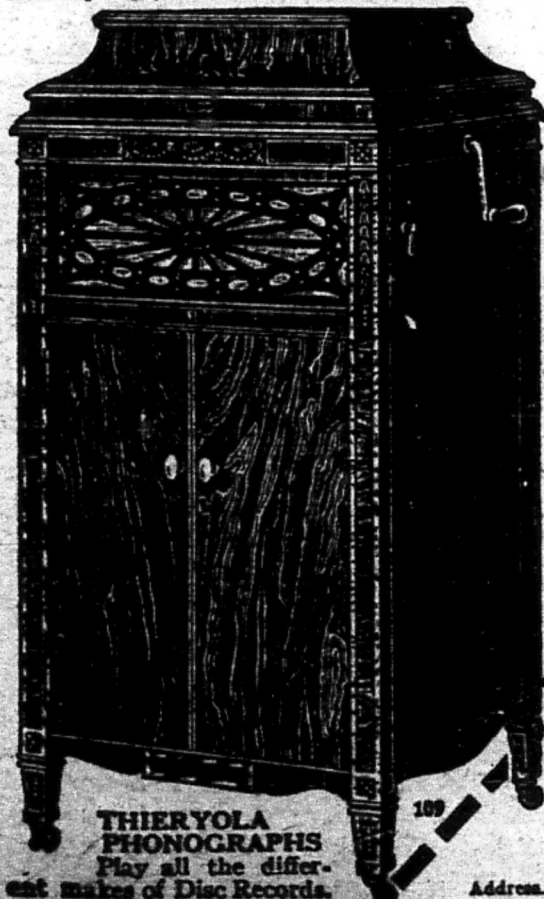
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they did not have moral courage enough to resist the prevailing licentiousness and materialism of the times and so they ran away from temptation and shut the naughty women who were so intent on seducing them, out of their lives with high stone walls and strong iron gates. The history of monasticism is too vast to be discussed in a work of this kind except in the most general manner and it only concerns us at this time as it touched and affected the lives and conditions of the women. The monastic orders were many and varied; in some the members were hermits and lived in caves like the followers of St. Anthony, while the followers of St. Pachomius developed a highly organized agricultural and industrial communism. St. Benedict and his followers developed a still higher form of communistic agriculture and industrialism and excelled in making fine wines and distilled liquors and some of the most famous tipples of this day bear the name of this good saint. Somewhat later Mendicant or begging orders were established by St. Francis, St. Dominic and others and these good Friars secured their livelihood by begging for it and payed in prayers. St. Francis and his friars specialized on spiritual ministrations among the poor, the sick, the ignorant and the outcasts of the cities, while the Friars of St. Dominic devoted themselves to preaching to heretics and heathens. The wealth, power and dominating influence that these monastic orders gained and the part they played in the history of the race will be touched upon in another chapter. Naturally the conditions that brought forth monastic orders among men operated on the women also and side by side with every monastery grew up a nunnery. St. Benedict and St. Pachomius each had a sister who ruled over a nunnery governed by rules adapted from their brothers' rules for monks. These monastic orders for women grew and spread until they existed in every country, embraced every kind of charitable work and bound uncounted numbers of women in their vows of poverty, celibacy and self-denial. These nunneries offered to the women so soul-sick with the lust and licentiousness a place of refuge and retreat; they also offered an opportunity for women to express themselves and have some small measure of control over their lives and work a little more uplifting and spiritual than pandering to the depraved lusts and degraded appetites of men sodden in materialism and debauchery.

But the fervid preaching of the Saints, the oaths of monks and the vows of nuns could not overcome the laws of nature and "the world, the flesh and the devil" played merry pranks with the pious monks and the saintly nuns and laughed at their vows of celibacy, chastity and self-purification. Moral courage is never gained by running away from temptation but by overcoming it by reason and knowledge; clean sex relations are not established by flouting nature but by living in harmony with her laws; self-purification can only keep pace with mass purification, and the individual soul can only be saved in the mass salvation, as the failure of monastic life to fulfill its purpose proves.

The mere fact that hundreds of thousands of men whose heritage of uncurbed lust reached back to the very dawn of time, retired behind stone walls and renounced the "call of the flesh" did not make ascetics of them and the sex instincts were too deeply planted to be uprooted by a vow. If the good monks worked in the fields and drank the vintage of their vines they were husky and healthy and possessed keenly whetted appetites for the good things of life; if they were slothful and lazy as many of the mendicant orders were, they were as gross and sensual as lazy, slothful people always are, especially of the male persuasion, and in either case they could not attain attenuated

asceticism by shaving their heads, donning a habit and vowing a vow. Celibacy, asceticism and self-repression is no more natural to women than to men, and nature was no more easily routed in a nunnery than in a monastery, and since the women were absolutely ruled and controlled by men and this control was sanctioned by the church there is no proof that a convent wall meant protection to a woman's virtue, or a vow of celibacy meant that she would have an opportunity to practice it.

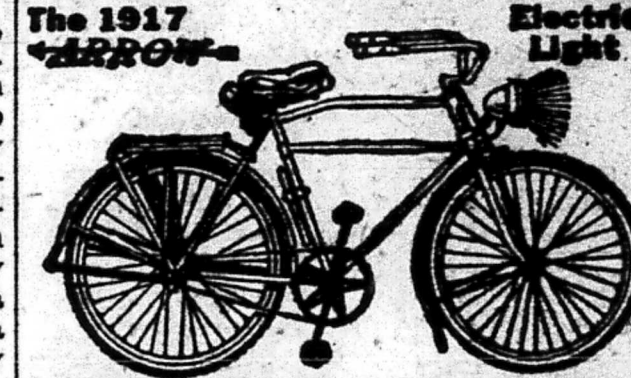
Prostitution, or the sale of the sex function for gain, is old perhaps as the control of men over the bread supply of women. We know that it existed in every nation and among ever race where slavery held sway, and that it always will exist as long as any man or group of men control the means of life for women. Prostitution was an old, well established and perfectly respectable business when Christianity came into being and since the Christian Church has never overlooked anything that is profitable it accepted prostitution as necessary and made the use of it that would produce the most profit.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica (Vol. 22, p. 459) sums up the situation very neatly: "Rome conquered spiritually by Christianity, and materially by the northern barbarians, sapped the virtue of both. Before the middle ages the institutions and ministers of the church became a by-word for vice." St. Augustine declared that prostitution was necessary and that any attempt to suppress it would cause still greater evils. Charlemagne like many modern reformers promulgated very brutal laws, dealing with the punishment of prostitutes, but his own life was so vile and licentious that his reform laws most likely expressed a petty spite rather than a desire for general moral betterment. During the Sixth Century, the Council of Macon argued long and seriously the question of whether women had souls or not and when it was finally put to a vote we secured souls by a majority of one, and the general suspicion of the clergy was, no doubt, that the ballot box was stuffed to secure that.

When Pope Gregory VII insisted on celibacy for the priests, a wail that was long and loud, went up from the clergy. Among others the parish priests of the Diocese of Mayence thus protested against this ordinance: "You bishops and abbots possess great riches, elegant hunting outfits and enjoy royal banquets; we poor, simple, priests have but a wife for our comfort. Abstinence may be a virtue, but forsooth it is severe and hard." ("Woman," August Bebel.)

A few years later, Pope Gregory IX wrote to Germany that brothal keepers were not to prevent prostitutes from attending missions, and the clergy and laity who drew profits from prostitution were banned. Prostitution flourished everywhere, not only tolerated by church and state but licensed and made profitable to both.

In London, there was a row of brothals near the London Bridge that were licensed by the Bishop of Winchester and sanctioned by parliament. In 1383 these brothals belonged to William Walworth, Lord Mayor of London, who farmed them out probably on behalf of the corporation. In France, prostitutes were distinguished by a badge and forbidden to frequent certain parts of town. Public brothals were established on a large scale, Toulouse, Avignon and Montpellier. At Toulouse, the profits were shared by the city and the university. At Montpellier and Avignon, the trade was a municipal monopoly and farmed out to individuals. This method was used during all the time the popes were residents of this city. In Germany, brothals similar to those in France and England were a regular thing in the large towns. These houses were forbidden to married men, clergy and Jews, and on Sunday and Saints days were closed. These public brothals were called "Frauenhanser" and hospitality to



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August Bebel in his book "Woman" gives a wealth of data dealing with these conditions and as he states his facts with all the bluntness and clarity of a typical German I cannot do better than to quote him.

"Rome was not only the capital of Christianity, being the residence of the popes. It was also, true to its traditions under the heathen emperors, a new Babel, the European High School of immorality and the papal court was its most distinguished center. The Roman Empire at its dissolution had left to Christian Europe all its vices. These were cultivated in Rome, and from there penetrated into Germany, favored by the association of the clergy with Rome. The numerous clergy, consisting to a great extent of men whose sexual desires were increased to the utmost by a lazy and luxurious life, and who enforced by celibacy drove to illegitimate or unnatural satisfaction of their desires, transmitted this immorality to all strata of society. The clergy became a pestilential danger to the virtue of women in the cities and villages, monasteries and nunneries—and there were countless numbers of them,—frequently differed from public brothals only, inasmuch as life within them was still more licentious and dissolute. Crimes, especially infanticide, were frequently committed there with impunity, because only those were permitted to pass judgment who were more often than not connected with the crimes. Sometimes peasants tried to protect their wives and daughters from being seduced by the clergymen, by refusing to accept as pastor any one who would not consent to keeping a concubine. This circumstance led a bishop of Constance to impose a concubine tax upon the clergy of his diocese. . . . In 1414, at the Council of Constance no less than 1500 prostitutes were present."

"But these conditions by no means made their appearance only at the decline of the middle ages. They appeared at an early date and gave cause for constant complaints and ordinances. Thus Charlemagne issued an ordinance in the year of 802, in which it says 'The nunneries shall be closely guarded. The nuns shall not roam about but shall be carefully watched, neither shall they live in discord and quarrels with one another, and under no circumstances shall they disobey their mothers superior. Where they have monastic rules they shall absolutely abide by them. They shall not be given to covetousness, drunkenness and prostitution, but shall lead a just and temperate life. Neither shall any man enter their convent except to attend mass, and then he shall immediately depart again.' Another ordinance of the year of 869 declared: 'If priests keep several wives or shed the blood of Christians or heathens, or break the canonical law, they shall be divested of their priesthood because they are worse than the laith.'"

"Hosts of women roamed

about the highways as musicians, dancers, magicians, in the company of wandering scholastics and priests, and flooded the markets and fairs. They formed special divisions in the troops of foot soldiers where they were organized into guilds according to the spirit of the age, and were assigned to the different ranks according to age and beauty. . . . As every trade in those days was organized into guilds and submitted to definite regulations, so also was prostitution. In all the larger cities, brothals that were municipal, church or state property and whose profits went to fill these respective treasuries were maintained. . . . The brothals enjoyed special protection; breach of the peace in their vicinity was punished more severely than elsewhere. This female guild was also entitled to appear at festivals; and in processions in which it was customary for all the guilds to participate. They were even sometimes invited as guests to princely and official banquets. . . . In Wuerzburg it was customary for the brothal-keeper to take an oath before the magistrate, pledging faith and allegiance to the city and that he would diligently enlist women. . . . When strangers of note visited a city, prostitutes were placed at their disposal at the city's expense. When King Ladislaus entered Vienna in 1452, the magistrate sent a committee of public prostitutes to meet him, clad in transparent gauze that disclosed their beautiful shapes. Emperor Charles V, upon entering Antwerp, was also received by a committee of nude girls, a historic scene that Hans Makart depicted in a large painting which is now on exhibit in the museum at Hamburg. Such occurrences created no scandal in those days."

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CHAPTER IV.

AN AMBITIOUS WOMAN'S LOVE.

The Carltons together with Rev. Curzon and Bruce had scaled the heights of Ben Lomond Mountain. A panorama of the Santa Cruz range was at their feet. To the west the Pacific ocean broke in a line of white foam along the coast for miles. Far to the north could be seen ships making for San Francisco Bay through the Golden Gate.

"Do you really wish to tolerate my ideas, or is it not an appeal to your vanity that I should select you as the one person to whom I should consider sufficient mentally to grasp them?"

"There may be something in that, too," answered Bruce, "but proceed."

"Well, Father Confessor, I am ready. For a number of years I have had a longing to do something in this world which would really be worth while. I wanted to do that something in a surpassing way. I wanted to excel. Just where my talents lay—the surpassing talents—I do not know. I can paint flowers fairly well. I can do fancy work, and think I have a great deal of originality in that line. I can make my own garments and trim hats with skill; and take a pride in cooking. But these all seem so commonplace although they each add to life's enjoyment. And then, there are so many women engaged in these pursuits who actually need the revenue derived from their labor that if I entered the field I would perhaps make it more difficult for them to exist. I realize my economic position. I have engaged in charitable work only to find that it was not charity the people needed, but justice; and that justice could not come through individual appeal. It is worse than folly to assume that you can make men better men, more sympathetic and generous, by appealing to them as individuals. Those who have power will not give it up. Those who enjoy privilege have enjoyed it so long that they think it their right in perpetuity; some, by right divine. I saw that if my womenkind were to be bettered economically they must have a voice in the government which regulates their economic condition; but I could not see where women with the ballot would use it with any greater intelligence than man has. In fact, where woman has the ballot (when we except some minor social reforms) we find industrial conditions about the same as where suffrage has been denied them. With the ballot must go intelligence, and just how to increase intelligence under a system which is rapidly lessening the degree of intelligence is a problem which my poor weak mind has been unable to solve.

"It's a privilege to be here," remarked Inez.

"Yes," answered Bruce, "All mountains are beautiful. Not only do they elevate the physical but they raise the mental. Perhaps the clear air has something to do with it. The mountains affect people differently. Just say the word mountains and instantly there flashes to me a mental picture—a picture of mountain scenery so grand, so glorious that it seems a panorama of all the mountain scenes in one—the one spot on all this earth the most beautiful to me. Perhaps, if you were to go there it would not appeal so forcibly to you. To me, when I view that scene I just want to sit down, rest my arms on my knees and gaze and gaze, and not think a thing."

"And I want to see that scene, Mr. Bruce. You must tell me of it some day."

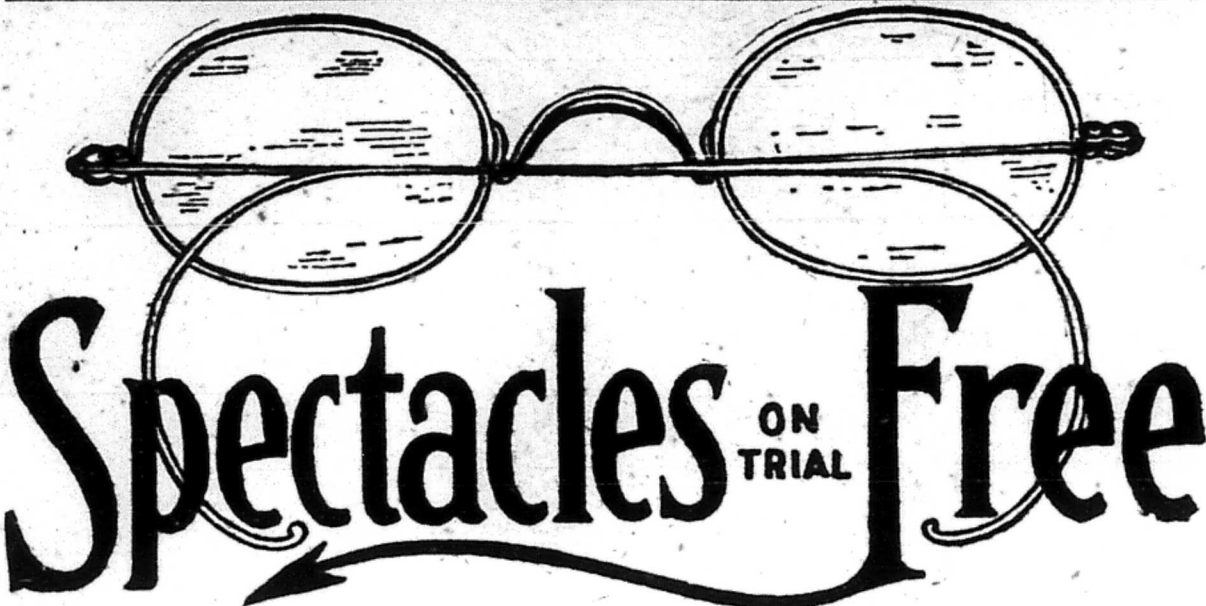
Carlton and Curzon had wandered off across a little gulch and Bruce and Inez could see they were enjoying themselves.

"Attraction," resumed Bruce, "is a wonderful law. Chemical attraction, the affinity for particles, are deep studies. Human attractions. What is it attracts us to our friends? Is it physical? Is it not rather what they think? And has not the manner in which they express themselves appealed to us, even though we do not agree with their thought?"

"What people think," answered Inez, "is of real interest to me, probably because I would like to have people know what I think. It is really a great relief to express yourself to some one whom you know will be an attentive listener—if not sympathetic. These ideas which come to us and fill the brain must be given off to make room for more."

"Yes," agreed Bruce, "that is what we Socialists call 'letting off steam.' We tolerate one another with a sort of secret mutual feeling. As for myself I have often hunted up some friend to let off my surplus steam, and have as often been visited by some friend, when we would go over his ideas and thoroughly thresh them out. But what do you think, Miss Carlton?"

"Do I ramble, Mr. Bruce? Are my thoughts unconnected? If so, do not blame me, the individual. For ages woman was not supposed to reason. She is yet expected to arrive at her conclusions mainly through intuition. The woman who thinks is laughed at. The woman who thinks is called 'a queer thing' by other women too shallow to



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"I have interested Hugh in these questions. His college lessons in economics did not enthuse him. At first I was jealous of his friendship for you, Mr. Bruce, but now I can see the wonders you have wrought in his transformation. I do not know why I should tell you these things. I do not know why I should not have unbosomed myself to one of my own sex instead of selecting you. It is intuition again. I feel that you understand the longings in the heart of an ambitious woman."

"Go on, Miss Carlton," pleaded Bruce, after a lapse of a few moments.

"I have thought seriously of marriage. I know that somewhere, sometime the man will come who will be all the world to me. If he is a man of business he will be a slave to business; if he be a man of labor he will be a slave to work. In either event I should be the slave of a slave. And if he be a conventional creature, I shall also be a slave to convention. No, my soul cries for freedom. I love it here on this mountain top. Look at the beauty of it all. Over here the beautiful blue of the trees, the silver thread of the stream; over here the ocean spending its force upon the cliffs for miles; and there, away in the distance San Francisco, the metropolis of the Pacific. Man-made San Francisco with its hugh crowded buildings, its business worries, its strife, its crime, its poverty, its wealth and wanton—man-made of beautiful nature that. Those piles of masonry represent the revenue of the idle class. Through them the struggling lawyer, the physician, the merchant, the industrial, pays toll that the owner may live in idleness—Let us turn our backs to it.

"Is there not some place for woman other than being the slave of man and bringing unwelcome children into the world? Is there not some great work for woman to do other than becoming a

thing of physical beauty and a victim of social conventionalities? 'Here we stand in order set as by rule of alphabet.' Remember, I do not despise motherhood; on the contrary I believe that when a woman brings a child into the world she has performed a service to society great in value. But I do hesitate at motherhood when the offspring must be raised in an environment which crushes all the finer sensibilities and brings a burden upon the mother so great as to amount to a crime. I do believe that any woman would be proud to become the mother of a child, provided she had the choice in whom that father should be and that during maternity she would be surrounded with agreeable conditions; that nothing would be spared to give to the world a healthy, vigorous, intelligent birth. But motherhood under usual conditions today is just the opposite. Can you wonder at my efforts to make the most of Hugh. He is a man and can do things in this man's world. He is upright, honest, moral, intelligent. He has the fighting spirit of his father which would stand him well to push his ideas to the fore—he has capital and method."

"And back of it all," broke in Bruce, "an ambitious woman's love."

CHAPTER V.

Hugh Carlton was desirous of placing Bruce upon the market. To do this he realized he must first convince Bruce that his fears of precipitating an industrial crisis wherein there would be great suffering and starvation were groundless. The old spirit which dominated his father now possessed Carlton. He was a fighter. Here was something worth battling for. Bruce must be made to see things in their true light. Nightly Carlton had gone over the proposition with Inez. He had asked her to imagine they had discovered a substitute for the building materials which would be cheaper and more serviceable than those now in use. Inez had been a great help to him in his arguments although ignorant of the fact that there existed such a substitute.

In one of his talks with Bruce, which were now daily, Carlton exploded the summing up of his thoughts.

"But, Bruce, how do you think the co-operative commonwealth will be ushered in?" asked Carlton.

"The same as all revolutions have been ushered in," answered Bruce. "When the minority makes of itself a majority, the majority rules. Chattel slavery was abolished when the majority opposed it and wage slavery and its attendant evils will be abolished when the majority desires such action."

"Peaceably?" Carlton questioned. "As to that I must confess ignorance." "Then I shall answer it for you with a decided no."

The two men sat in silence for some time when Carlton resumed.

"No; not peaceably, Bruce. History does not record an instance where a power ever gave up without a struggle. It is war—war to the bitter end."

"Yes, Carlton, it is war. But, fortunately, in this instance, we find the power of capitalism not only fighting itself, but gradually obliterating itself as a factor in the fray. The individual or corporation of a few million dollars is the legitimate prey of

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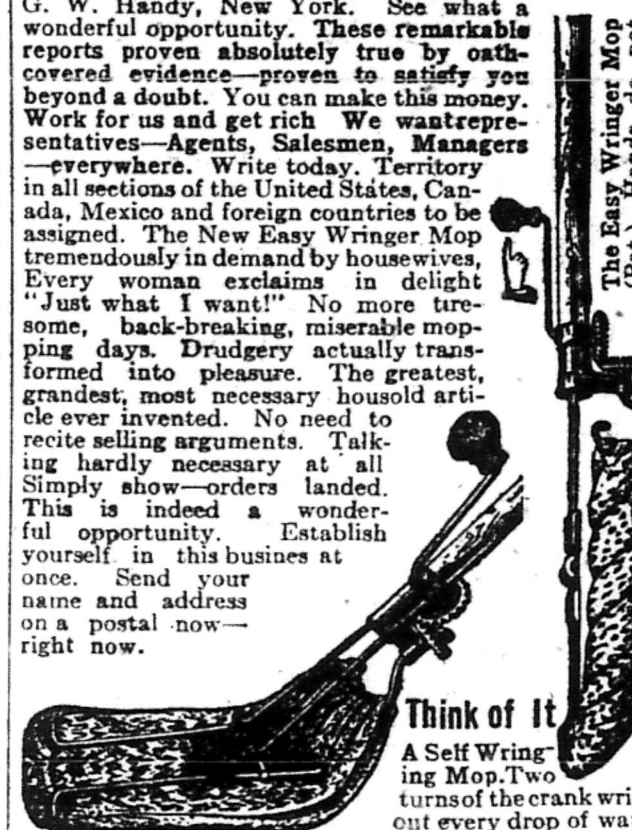
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A slim, young girl detached herself from the crowd and with bent head and hunched shoulders began her three mile walk against the cutting north-east wind that moaned and shrieked down the canyon streets with icy blast. With numb, purple fingers, she clutched the flapping brim of her battered straw hat, endeavoring the while, to draw the lapels of her thin shoddy jacket closer about her naked throat.

The worn, crooked heel of her low shoe caught between two cobblestones as she crossed a narrow street and all but brought her down. As she recovered herself, the fluttering pages of a periodical, borne by the wind, caught her eye. With a little cry of delight, she pounced upon it as it flattened against the curb, and thrusting it under her jacket, resumed her journey with quickened steps.

It was after seven o'clock when she climbed the stairs to her rear hall room and lit the flickering gas jet. From a curtained box, nailed against the window casing, she produced a small gas ring attached to a piece of tubing, a tiny frying pan, a knife and fork and a large boiled sweet potato. This, she proceeded to peel and slice, then, dusting the pan with salt, heated the vegetable over the sputtering burner.

It was drawing near the end of the week and her money was almost gone, but on the previous Saturday night she had been fortunate in finding a sweet potato special at the "Boston" store, and after standing a long half hour in line, had carried home a five pound bag in triumph. On Sunday she had boiled the lot and had fried a potato with salt each evening since.

It had been her intention to wash her extra suit of frayed underwear and darn a pair of stockings this evening. It required much effort and scheming to attend to the necessary washing, mending and sewing in the scant time at her disposal; the drying of the wet clothing which must be done in her narrow room in winter, was a problem in itself. But on this night she was assailed by temptation. She could scarcely wait to examine the magazine which was still buttoned beneath her jacket. Her last find had been a few pages torn from the back of a pamphlet on Socialism, which had opened up a new world. What wonderful thoughts and ideals did this new prize contain?

In the orphan asylum within which her earlier years had been spent, she had seized upon every book and stray magazine and devoured them with avidity. Many times the matron had scolded and beaten her for reading when she should have been busy with the never ending drudgery of the overcrowded institution.

But when she had been cast out at the age of fifteen to wage unequal battle with the world, even these slight opportunities for excursions into the world of romance were denied her. Life became one monotonous round of labor; a losing struggle to maintain health and decency on wages of five dollars a week; a perpetual battle with hunger, cold and indescribable privations.

She ate the meal directly from the pan, cuddling it in her lap to conserve every particle of heat; warming her aching fingers over the inadequate gas flame. The last crumb finished,

she turned out the fire, cleansed knife and fork and frying pan, turned up the feeble gas jet to its utmost capacity, wrapped herself in the bedding and gave herself over to an hour of uninterrupted enjoyment.

As she unrolled the soiled sheets, the cover illustration caught her eye. A pretty girl in saucy hat and beruffled, plaid gown, was admiring a bird perched upon her outstretched finger. The great, dark eyes of the little drudge dilated as she gazed wistfully at the girlish figure so skillfully drawn. Never in all her seventeen years had she owned so much as a pretty ribbon; never had she been able to drape her slender shoulders with a fifty cent lawn collar or clasp a string of beads about her youthful throat.

With an unconscious sigh, she turned the page and plunged at random into a story. It was the tale of a wealthy, pampered, selfish woman who sought release from her gnawing, uncontrolled emotions through narcotic drugs. She enjoyed all the luxury that the labor of hundreds of men and women and little children, toiling long hours for a bare subsistence, could produce. She had no duties; gave nothing to the world; knew nothing of useful labor. As a result of such abnormal living, she came to believe that she had nothing to live for, and visited a fashionable physician for relief from her neurotic thoughts.

Doctor and patient were typical outgrowths of capitalism, a system that breeds hypocondriacal degenerates among the so-called upper classes, and dooms millions of wage slaves to endless days of toil in grimy mills and factories and shivering nights in unheated tenement rooms; to uneven pavements and smoke-laden air, to pay for the senseless vagaries of its parasites.

To change the psychology of this morbid victim of a vicious environment, the doctor told the story of a wonderfully peaceful, death mask taken from the face of a young man who had been robbed by infantile disease of every sense except speech and feeling, but who had had taste, sight and hearing suddenly restored by an operation on the brain.

He was tasting his first meal—a group of doctors stood watching his expression while he enjoyed the flavor of buttered bread, and a baked potato with butter and salt, for the first time in his life.

The girl's mouth watered as she read. How long had it been since she had tasted butter? It was not this month at any rate.

She turned to the next column. The young man had been taken into a garden—"He saw the sky and the sunlight and the earth and the trees and the flowers that were about him—he smelled the good, wholesome smells of the earth, and the scents—"

The weary girl lay back against the wooden headboard of the narrow bed and closed her eyes. All day she had worked under artificial light, handling cheap furs destined for the out-of-town trade. The air had been heavy with the odor of ill-cured skins, stifling with dust and lint; the whir of power machines, the clang of freight elevators, and the clatter and racket of hundreds of workers driven at top speed had been maddening.

Once when she was ten years old, the children from the foundling asylum had been taken into the country for the week-end, and while some had shrunk in fear from the strange sights and sounds, she had revelled in the beauties of nature spread before her wondering eyes. Her mind turned again as on a thousand previous occasions, to those precious memories.

She roused herself with a start and resumed the story. The young man was viewing his first sunset, the indescribable grandeur and unutterable splendor of which almost bereft him of

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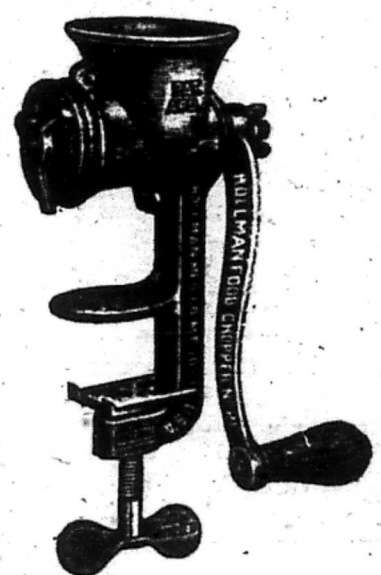
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The story moved on to its close. The shock of nature's glories proved too much for the hero of the tale.

"On his face was a beatific peace, a content unutterable—and he was dead."

The richly dressed patient got the point of the doctor's little parable. She resolved to enter her magnificently upholstered automobile, with its crested panels, and permit her liveried chauffeur to drive her to the mansion where she had left her husband and her children. Perhaps she might find something to live for after all.

The physician agreed with her. "Yes, Madam," he said gravely, "if only we knew it, if only we could realize it, all of us in this world have everything to live for."

The little girl raised her eyes and stared about her bare and hateful room. The discolored paper was peeling from the walls; the ancient strip of matting in front of the bed was worn through in spots and the raw edges curled upward; the cracked mirror on the cheap, pine dresser returned a distorted image of her wane face.

"All of us in this world have everything to live for" she murmured, then threw the paper on the floor and burst into tears.

Her sobs grew quieter and she slept—slept and dreamed of a wonderful country where the air was fresh and pure, and the wind set the trees to murmuring little joyful songs, and happy children hunted flowers amid the tall grass. Cozy homes were scattered here and there; the inhabitants finding comfort and security through co-operation and practical brotherhood. People worked because of a natural desire to be of service, and because they were allowed to keep and use all the wealth that they produced. There were no task-master, no millionaires, no long hours of toil, no poverty and wretchedness. In the west, a great cloud shaped like a hovering angel,

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The shivering girl sprang to the cold floor. The hour was late. She wound the alarm clock already set for six, turned out the gas and covered beneath the scanty bedding. Again she dreamed—dreamed of the transcendent peace of endless sleep—saw her body laid out and an attendant preparing a death mask.

The strident jangle of the alarm dragged her shrinking soul into the blackness of her inside room. Another weary day was upon her.

As she hurriedly swallowed some bread and tea, she felt that she would gladly barter ten years of life for a portion of butter for her crust. Her starved, chilled body craved sugar, fats, proteids. She longed for hot cakes with butter and syrup, bacon, eggs, a cup of steaming coffee with cream, such as she had tasted on that lone trip to the country.

Once again, she plunged into the bleak streets and hurried toward the business district. Her eyes gazed upon the sordid details of the north side slum, but her soul was in the land of dreams.

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Suddenly the girl vaulted the railing of the bridge and plunged headlong into the river.

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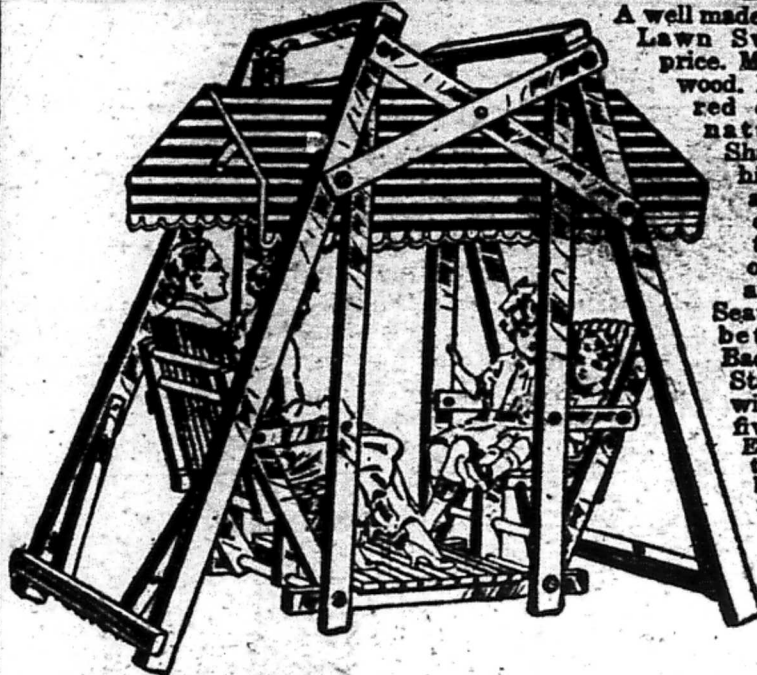
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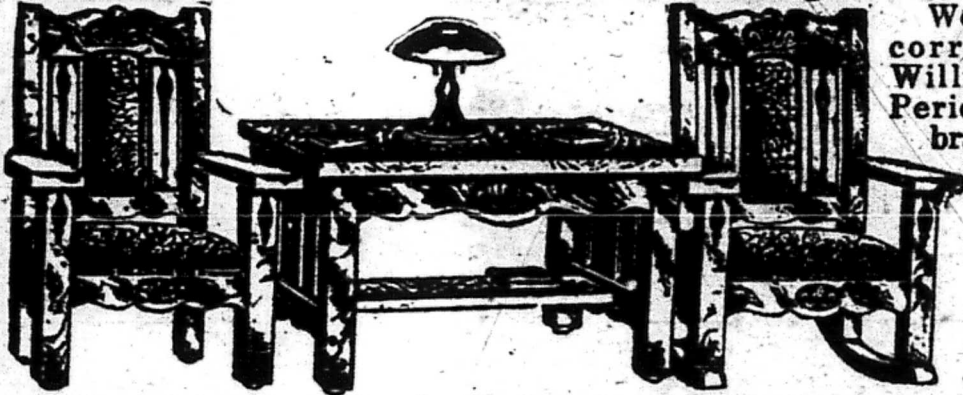
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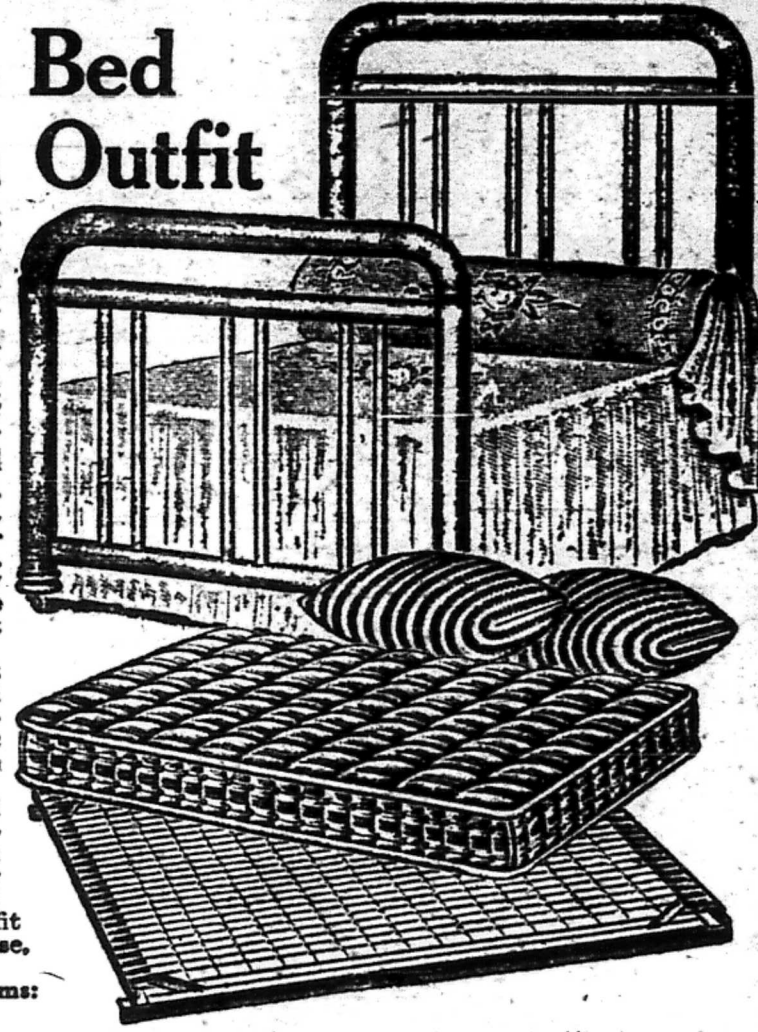
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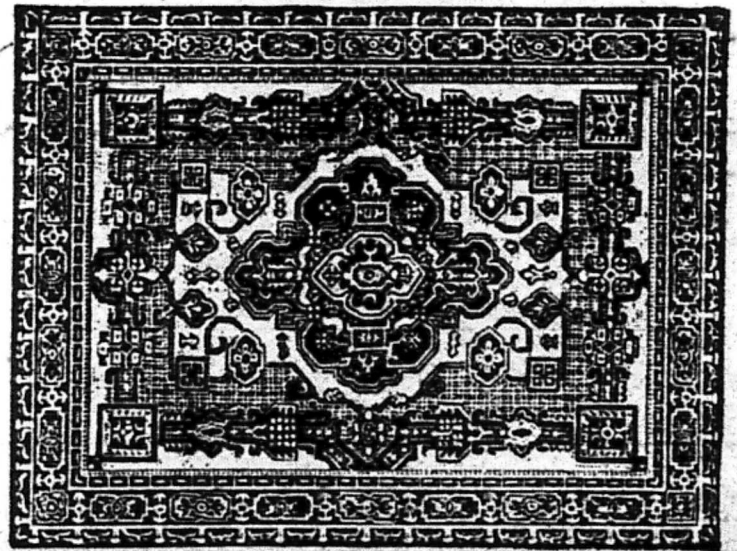
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An Infamous Bill

By JOHN HAND

(Special Correspondent of The NATIONAL RIP-SAW.)

WASHINGTON, January.—Another of the infamous plots of the agents of capitalism in Congress to throttle the radical and educational press has gone wrong. Aimed at The NATIONAL RIP-SAW and other journals that are seeking to lift the yoke of economic and clerical superstition from the necks of the working class of this country, this scheme has been defeated by the very fact of its brazen intent. The RIP-SAW will not be suppressed, during the present session of Congress at least, by an act of Congress dictated by the "dark forces" controlling the capitalist regime.

This latest plot against the workers' national press consisted of a plan hatched by the Postmaster General, and approved by the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to increase the postage rate to be charged to newspapers and magazines sent more than 300 miles from the place where they are published. The rate is now one cent per pound for all such newspapers and magazines. The scheme was to charge 2 cents a pound on all such matter carried from 300 to 600 miles, and 3 cents a pound on all carried 600 to 900 miles, and so on, adding a cent a pound to the rate with each 300 miles distance.

Now, the Postoffice Department has been carrying the magazines, with their great bulk of well-paid advertising, year after year at this rate. There was no outcry. On the contrary, the Department and the Committee argued that the Government should keep the rate at one cent a pound in order to "diffuse knowledge and encourage habits of reading and study" throughout the nation. It was also argued, and not contradicted, that the farther the papers and magazines were carried for the flat rate of a cent a pound, the more would national ideas be encouraged as against local ideas. In short, the nation ought to help knit together all communities within its borders, and get them to think in harmony and in bigger terms by a postal subsidy to papers that had big national appeal.

All this was before the Socialist and anti-superstitious press began to grow. Gradually such publications as the RIP-SAW, the APPEAL TO REASON, the MELTING POT and others attacking some particular feature of the economic and spiritual slavery of the workers began to make themselves felt as a power. Their readers multiplied, they showed strength in places where men had hitherto been without hope of freedom, and they struck at the vital points in the machinery by which the rule of capitalism was operated. They grew stronger still, and politicians and reactionary clergy mouthed against them in vain. Still they grew, and in desperation the highest financial and clerical powers in America were called upon to destroy

them.

So this proposal to tax the nationally-circulated papers and magazines was framed, and nicely covered with arguments of "economy and efficiency," and sent to Congress. There it was hailed with satisfaction by the servants of greed and bigotry, and finally was given approval by the Post Office committee of the House.

In so delicate a matter, involving the deliberate purpose to suppress the voice of the aroused working class, much strategy had to be employed. The fight must be made, apparently, upon the "extravagance" of the postal rates toward publications able to bear the cost of transporting the papers and magazines. So there were hearings, and a horrible example was made of the "Saturday Evening Post," as being a highly profitable business enterprise which was being subsidized by the Government through postal rates that were far too low. Nobody said a word about the poorer journals whose advertising pages do not command hundreds and even thousands of dollars per page for each issue. The solemn farce of "making the rich publishers pay" was carried through, and in due time the committee reported in favor of higher rates.

Presently the zone scheme was discovered to be suited to the wants of the richest magazines, such as the Saturday Evening Post. That publication is shipped by fast freight to points comparatively near the place of local delivery, and is then dumped into the mails. So, after all, the only publishers to be made to pay the high rates are the ones who cannot afford to hire freight cars to travel across the continent. National circulation is to be reserved for the papers so rich as to be "safe" from the capitalist viewpoint. These will mold national public opinion, and "dangerous" papers will be restricted to their several localities. The scheme promised to be one of the most effective measures for intellectual slavery every foisted upon the people of any nation.

But the scheme collapsed. The middle-class newspaper publisher with a circulation reaching out over a number of States is still a force in the country. He agreed with the plotters that the Socialist and anti-priestcraft press should be wiped out, but he refused to be hurt in the process. He would not agree to any scheme which would make it difficult for him to send his paper beyond a 300-mile limit. And just because this type of middle-class publication has power to make or ruin the average member of Congress, the attempt to establish the postal rate-zones had to be abandoned.

Under the parliamentary practice of the House, the scheme was considered "new legislation," and so could not be kept in the Postoffice Appropriation bill if a point of order were

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raised against it. The committee, knowing that the point of order would be raised, went to the Rules Committee—the supreme committee in the inner circle of power in the House—and asked that a special rule be reported, which would permit the scheme to be voted upon. Rep. Henry of Texas, chairman of the Committee on Rules, was afraid to touch the subject. Newspapers in half a dozen cities in his State have subscribers more than 300 miles from the place of publication. That settled it.

Some new plan for strangling the people's national press will come up in the next session, beyond any doubt. Angered at their defeat in this case, the Wall Street agents who appeal on the one hand to business greed and on the other to church bigotry will come back, all the more determined to gain their ends. They have virtually destroyed the progressive magazines of America—two of the last of them changing their policy in the past year. Their campaign against the workers' ordinary press must be watched and combatted with all the intelligence and determination of the movement. Washington will doubtless be the scene of this coming assault on the fighters for abolition of poverty.

If you care for freedom, take your share of the fighting. Write the Congressman from your district, demanding that he see to it that these plots are exposed and defeated.

The Price

Kate Richards O'Hare.

According to the figures given out by the War Department, the cost of playing hide-and-seek with Villa, was something over fifty million dollars, but to a dear friend of my girlhood, the price was far more than that. Marie, as I shall call her, because it is not her name and I, became close friends in the care-free days of early girlhood when the hang of a skirt or the tilt of a hat are quite the most important things in life. A marriage made us' relations-in-law and Marie's ready wit and merry antics made her a jolly friend. Time passed and we were both married. I chose a socialist agitator and we fared forth on the Great Adventure, and Marie married an upright, patriotic employee of Uncle Sam. Then the first slight coolness grew up between us; for Marie and her husband were both devout disciples of the toothful and strenuous Teddy, and they looked upon us, and all our ilk as poor, misguided creatures. Faithful to the doctrines of their hero, they insisted that all that was necessary to succeed in life was just to work, hard and long, save your money and vote your master's ticket. Years passed and Marie and her husband acquired a pay-on-the-installment plan bungalow and we acquired four babies. Marie's husband belongs to the National Guard and the only time we ever really quarreled was when she chanced to hear me quote Jack London's "Soldier," which to her was both treasonable and unpatriotic.

For years I have been fighting war and militarism and the rift between me and my friend grew always wider. Then came the farce comedy invasion of Mexico, that under its ridiculous, disgraceful fiasco, hid so much stark tragedy and bitter suffering. A year previous to the mobilization, Marie, after long years of heart hunger and waiting, had given birth to a baby boy and there was great rejoicing among all the relations. Then the call to arms came and Marie's patriotic husband marched away to vindicate the honor of the United States and play a game of hide-and-seek Villa. But when he fared forth on his patriotic duty he left behind a baby son, and a delicate wife who carried beneath her breaking heart another unborn baby.

There is "glory" in war for those who profit by it, but poor Marie found "glory" a hollow mockery for the women who must pay the price of

war. The long months dragged by, each hour bringing its share of agonizing misery to the frail, expectant mother whose husband and protector was "down on the border." Only a woman who has borne children can even so slightly understand what those months meant to poor Marie and no man will ever comprehend. At last the farce was over, the patriotic soldier marched back in time to see the last faint spark of life flicker out as the tortured soul found rest in death.

The President and his Cabinet may count the cost of "chasing Villa" in dollars and cents, but who can reckon it in human suffering? Who can reckon in figures, the loss as we look upon that empty home, paid for by so much labor and sacrifice; who will set the price of mother love and mother care for the two tiny motherless children; who will say that the glory of "serving his country" can compensate the patriotic husband? Who dared to stand beside that mother's grave and say that war is ever worth the price that must be paid by women and children?

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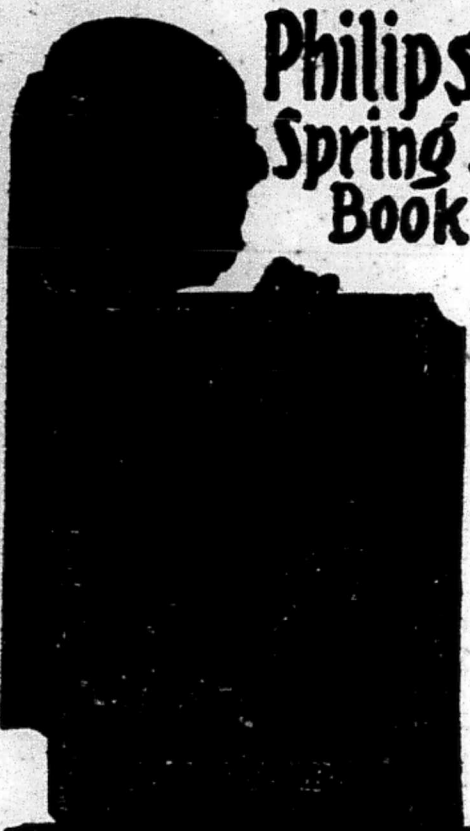
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Moulding a Nation

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the gigantic system of billions of capitalism becomes more centralized as time goes on, gradually decreasing its numbers and creating opposition. Not only that, but there appears a biological fact that the next generation of capitalists are weaklings—mentally, morally, physically. It is a fact that the offspring of the exceedingly rich and the extremely poor are on a mental, moral and physical plane. The next generation will not have the brains to keep capitalism entrenched."

"Perhaps not, Bruce. But do you suppose it is the brains of the kings of finance who now keep capitalism enthroned? Is it not rather the lack of brains of the mass of humanity? And is it not a fact that brains are a commodity purchasable by those who have the money? And is this mass of brainless, unthinking humanity you must revolutionize—a humanity gradually becoming more and more servile and thoughtless, willing to see power have a feast can they but share the crumbs—this is what you must regenerate in order to get your majority, and I insist it is a hopeless task."

"Carlton, you are too hopeless. There are thousands of thoughtful people with unpurchasable brains who will lead the majority to economic freedom when the psychological time arrives. That same spirit which struck down the feudal system, that same spirit which has toppled monarchies, that same spirit which unshackled the fetters of the chattel slave is rampant today, and no matter how servile nor how submerged the people may become, that spirit will eventually triumph."

"All of which, Bruce, but makes it the more hopeless. Because eventually I want to see the co-operative commonwealth ushered in, I want it in my day. I do not want to await the stages of slow evolution. And then I fear that evolution will give us a state of society a thousand fold more tyrannical than what we now experi-

ence under capitalism."

"And what is that?" asked Bruce.

"Let us take the tendency of the day, and then figure it out to its ultimate. A plant shows a tendency to be a little different in character than its kind, and if that tendency is cultivated, in time we have a specimen of plant life which would be hard to trace back to its original species. The economic tendency of today is not for revolution, but for reform. Revolution means to tear down and build better. Reform is nothing more than patch work. For instance, if I should suggest taking down that old rail fence over yonder and putting up a stone or concrete wall, that would be revolution. While you might say, 'No, let's put in a few new rails and make it last a few years more.' That's reform. Now, what Socialists call a great tendency toward Socialism (revolution) is nothing more than a tendency toward reform (patch work.) Outside of a comparatively few of the Socialists—the scientific thinkers—such reform measures as public ownership of the means of transportation, drastic labor laws, etc., is the idea of Socialism as known to the great majority. This is just what capitalism desires—these and such things as government control. Capitalism is ready to palm off its railways, (filched from the public) at their inflated valuation. Capitalism welcomes the government "controlling" its other industries as it takes a great responsibility off its shoulders—and as it owns the government, why not let the government control? To these reforms is the tendency of the day, and this tendency but diverts the minds of the people from the real "nigger in the woodpile."

"Both old political parties are falling over themselves to take up these reforms. Both are anxious to stamp out graft and put honest men in control; and both old parties are owned body and soul by capitalism and will continue to be so owned as long as they permit one silver dollar to have the power to create another silver dollar."

"But the Socialist party, Carlton, is growing by leaps and bounds and are forcing the old parties into adopting these reform measures," reasoned Bruce.

"True; and when they adopt them they expect, and will receive, a great exodus from the Socialist ranks, because that is what the great majority think Socialism is. Your Socialist party in its eagerness to gain votes is rapidly becoming a reform party."

"Given this new lease on life," continued Carlton, "capitalism will proceed to permanently entrench itself. It will have the giving out of jobs of the majority of the nation; and let me own your job and I own you. So capitalism will inaugurate a sort of system which might be termed benevolent paternalism. That is, they will be our masters and will be benevolent, provided we do as they dictate and are good dogs."

"That is a debatable question, Carlton, and is easily exploded. For instance, the government now owns the postal system, yet the employees of that system enjoy as much or more freedom than those in private life. Then, supposing these minor reforms were the next step in evolution, how long do you suppose it will take the people to discover that it was not what they wanted and demand other and more drastic legislation? Would it not eventually lead to the co-operative commonwealth?" questioned Bruce.

"Perhaps. Perhaps. But who's going to wade through all those years of kindergarten experience? Who is going to sit idly by and watch old evolution evolve and crush the weak, stifle genius, rob the mentally fit, and create countless crimes? I say, who is there with good red blood in his veins who would sit down and watch this process go lumberingly, stumblingly on for ages, when he had in his possession the power to make old evolution jump a few cogs and institute a sane government within a few years?" was Carlton's emphatic reply.

"And who has this power, Carlton?"
"You have; and I have."
"And what is it, may I ask?"
"Brucite," answered Carlton.
(To be continued.)

The Public Be Dammed

Harry James Stutzlen.

"Sure, I've got 72,000,000 eggs stored away; what are you going to do about it?"

In the above assurant statement James E. Wetz—termed the Egg King—voices his defiance of governmental, and the city officials of Chicago, Ill. "What are you going to do about it?" That "You" means us—all of us. "What are we going to do about it?" Grin and bear it? Hardly that, for eggs are rapidly going beyond prices which the workingman can afford to pay.

The poor are not supposed to eat "Strictly Fresh Eggs!" Cold storage eggs are plenty good enough for them—say some. But now it seems Mr. Wetz, one of the largest holders of Eggs in the country—(he having 85 carloads at his storage plant) is going to put them also beyond the reach of the average householder. He is not to be condemned alone for his boastful mercenary attitude. That is the same viewpoint that Capital has shared all along. "What are you going to do about it?" etc.

Just as long as Labor remains unorganized—unorganized in the sense of tolerating petty local Union disagreements—just so long will Capital—and individuals of Capitalistic tendencies) defy successfully the weakling attitude of the poor consumer, and they will continue to override the pleas and complaints of suffering Humanity!

Isn't the laboring man—(the various labor organizations)—big enough to bury the petty differences that keep him apart from his co-toilers, so that all may come together with such a Unification that Capital will retreat in wild array? What hope can there be for the Cause of Universal Brother-

hood if various cliques are allowed to hold forth in this and that local? The time has come when all should put their shoulder to the wheel for the sake of the principles that we have ever before us. Personal animosities get us nowhere! If we are to combat Capital—Capitalists—we must do it with a united front. If Capital can align 15,000 "Big Business" men together—as witnessed in the forming the other day of the National Industrial Conference Board, it behooves everyone—you and I—to show added zeal, and to meet the arguments of Capital with superior arguments, and if it eventually comes to that—blow for blow.

If we are to enter into an Industrial War with Capital it must be with a definiteness of purpose that will permit of no self-centered workers—or leaders—plans. Monopoly is constantly organizing for a future test of strength. Let us not weaken our offenses and defenses by factional differences. Let us Unite—Prepare—Strike!

The Swiss System

"When you find a man advocating the adoption of the Swiss system for America, you can find out whether he is in favor of the real Swiss system or of a sham Swiss system by asking him a single question," said Charles T. Hallinan, Editorial Director of the American Union Against Militarism.

"ASK HIM WHETHER HE IS WILLING THAT EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN SHOULD KEEP HIS GUN IN HIS OWN HOME."

"The fundamental principle of the militia system is personal possession of the gun. You find it reflected in the now obsolete article II of the Constitution: 'a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to

keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.' In Switzerland every man owns his own gun. He is made to feel, not like a conscript who must go to the armory to get his gun and use it as he is told, but like a free citizen who has before him all the time the symbol, so to speak, of his participation in the national defense. The state trusts him with the gun, and secure in its possession, he in turn trusts the state.

"But the Union League clubs and the so-called 'defense leagues' which talk glibly about establishing the Swiss system in America have no intention whatever of trusting the American people, especially the members of the labor movement, with weapons of defense. They might be used by tenant farmers in agrarian movements; they might be used in strikes! What they propose is a purely one-sided arrangement in which the citizen is forced to trust the state but the state makes no concession whatever to the citizen.

"So I repeat when you find the editor of the local paper repeating the patter he has learned from the great metropolitan newspapers about the beauties of the Swiss system, ask him how he stands on the moot question of the ownership of the gun. Let a little light in on a darkened mind. Make him realize for the first time that the movement now under way is not a movement of the real Swiss system, but for the adoption of an emasculated system. Of course, he may rally. He may, on further reflection, come out for the real Swiss system including the personal ownership by every citizen of the symbol of his relationship to the scheme of national defense. If he does that well and good. He at least is logical, but his usefulness to the National Security League is gone forever!"

Old Folks

Young or Old

No matter whether you are a man or a woman, twenty years old or seventy, all you need do is send the coupon with your full name and address and it will be sent to you, without a penny from you. *Age is no barrier to health*, and this offer is open to all *Old People*, as well as middle-aged and young men and women. We want to send every elderly person a full-sized one dollar box of Bodi-Tone on twenty-five days trial, the same as we send it to the young and middle-aged, all at our own risk and expense, to prove how Bodi-Tone acts in ailments of the old as well as the young, to prove what it does for persons suffering from bodily weaknesses and ailments, whether from age or otherwise. *This trial offer is open to all men and women, freely, generously, without any age limit.* Thousands of persons, old and young, have sent for Bodi-Tone on trial, without paying a penny, and found it put new flesh on their bones, new vigor in their minds, new vim in their muscles, and new vitality into every vital function, and we want you to try it, to see if it will not do as much for you.

All you need do is to say "I Want to Try It" and a dollar box will be handed out to you.

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Bodi-Tone Does Just As Its Name Means

It cures disease by toning all the body, and we want to show you what it will do for your body. Bodi-Tone is a small, round tablet, that is taken three times every day. Each box contains seventy-five tablets, enough for twenty-five days' use, and we send you the full box on trial so you can try this great remedy and learn what it is, so you can learn how it works in the body, how it cures stubborn diseases by helping nature to tone every organ of the body. Tonic is a little word, but it means a great deal, everything in health. When all the organs are doing their part, when each is acting in a perfectly natural way, when all the functions are healthy and performed with natural vigor, when the energy, strength and power of resistance to disease are all at a natural point, then the body is in proper tone. When disease has attacked any part, when lack of vitality is found and felt, the tone of the entire physical body should be raised to the highest possible point, to make all the body help to cure and restore. This is the power which underlies all of Bodi-Tone's great work for the sick, this is the power it offers you to help you get new health and strength, new vigor and new vitality.

What Bodi-Tone Is

Bodi-Tone is not a patent medicine, for its ingredients are not a secret. It contains Iron Phosphate, Gentian, Lithia, Chinese Rhubarb, Peruvian Bark, Nux Vomica, Oregon Grape Root, Cascara, Capsicum, Sarsaparilla and Golden Seal. Such ingredients guarantee its merit.

Natural Curatives To Make Natural Health

When you use Bodi-Tone you know just what you are using, know it is pure and safe and know you are taking the right kind of medicine to provide real help for the body. It contains nothing that your own family doctor will not endorse and say is a good thing. It does not depend on killing pain with cocaine, opium, morphine or other dangerous drugs. It does not excite the body with alcohol, but it tones the body and cures its disorders with remedies nature intended to tone and cure the body when that power was given them. Thus, Iron gives life and energy to the Blood, Sarsaparilla drives out its impurities, Phosphate and Nux Vomica create new nerve energy and force, Lithia aids in the Kidneys and dissolves rheumatic deposits, Gentian does invaluable work for the Stomach and Digestive forces, Chinese Rhubarb and Oregon Grape Root promote vigorous Liver activity, Peruvian Bark raises the tone of the entire system, Golden Seal soothes the inflamed membrane and checks Catarrhal discharges, Cascara gives the Bowels new life in a natural way, and Capsicum makes all more valuable by bettering their quick absorption into the blood. *A remarkable combination that does wonderful work for the body's health.* Each one of its ingredients adds a needed element from nature to the body, for Bodi-Tone is altogether a natural remedy. Each has a certain work to do in the body and does it well, in a natural manner. They are

used in Bodi-Tone because of this ability. We claim no credit for discovering these valuable ingredients, each of which has a well deserved place in established medical science. We claim only the credit for our successful Bodi-Tone formula, which is our own discovery, for the way in which we have selected, proportioned and combined these great natural curatives, and for the health-making work which Bodi-Tone has so well proven its ability to perform in the body. The curative forces which Bodi-Tone so ably uses are the forces which have always existed in nature for the restoration of the body's health. Many are regularly prescribed by good physicians in combination with such drugs as each doctor may favor, for there are wide differences of opinion among doctors of various schools. The exact combination used in Bodi-Tone is what gives it the far-reaching and thorough curative and restorative power that makes possible the remarkable cures experienced by Bodi-Tone users, cures which prove the difference between Bodi-Tone and common remedies, cures which have won the gratitude of thousands.

You Need Bodi-Tone To Set Your Body Right

If you are tired of continual doctoring and bad health, if you are wearied of feeling you cannot depend on your body to act right and do its full duty, *you need Bodi-Tone right now*, and this offer gives you a chance to try it without risking a penny. You need it to seek out your weak spots and make them stronger, to stop the leaks which have been draining your vitality, to make your organs capable of giving you the right measure of strength, vigor, energy and full-blooded comfort your body should have. If there is anything wrong in your body, if any organ is acting in a way which you realize and know is not right, send for Bodi-Tone on this trial offer and give it a chance to set you right. If you do not feel right, eat right, sleep right, weigh right, work right and think right, now and all the time, put Bodi-Tone in command of your body for twenty-five days. Let it marshal your bodily forces, let it line them up and work them into shape, until all are marching along straight, strong and harmoniously, in perfect time, tune and tone, for that is what Bodi-Tone is for and what it is doing for thousands. If the doctor's prescriptions and ordinary medicinal combinations have failed, let this scientific combination of special remedies show and prove what it can do for you. Its greatest triumphs have been among men and women who had chronic ailments, who had used patent medicines and had doctored with their local doctors and out-of-town specialists, all without lasting benefit. It is because of its great work in these cases that all chronic sufferers and persons with obstinate diseases are invited to try a dollar box of Bodi-Tone at our risk.

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Did More for Him Than Three Specialists.

CARTERS, GA.—I have been diseased for the last fifteen years with what the doctors called Catarrh of the Head, or Systemic Catarrh. Some called it one thing and some another. I had pains all through my body, in my Bowels, Stomach and Back, and my Heart would flutter and beat and smother so it appeared that I could not live. I had Indigestion and Constipation, with blind spells. Everything I ate soured on my stomach before I would get through eating. It seemed that I could not stand it much longer. I tried all the doctors in my settlement and three specialists of Atlanta, Ga., and most of the patent medicines and drugs that I heard of, without any relief, until I got Bodi-Tone. By the time I had taken a treatment of Bodi-Tone I could eat anything I wanted, and there was not a pain in my body. Bodi-Tone has done more for me than all the doctors could do. I am seventy-five years old. My wife, who is in her seventy-fourth year, has also been greatly benefited by its use. J. F. PETTY.



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GLEN ROSE, TEXAS.—I have been in poor health for thirty years, and at times it seemed I was afflicted with most every trouble flesh is heir to. I had Catarrh of the Head, Asthma, Stomach Trouble, My Liver was bad and Kidneys and Bladder were deranged. At times I would lay in a cold sweat for hours with Bilious Colic. I suffered in this way until a year ago, when I saw the Bodi-Tone trial offer, sent for a box and began to take it. I am now in my eighty-first year, and have been altogether free from pain and any distress since I took the first few boxes. Everybody speaks about how well I have been this year, and all realize the great good Bodi-Tone has been to me. MRS. E. RAMFIELD.



Doctor Said He Had Bright's Disease

DANA, IND.—I doctored for four years for Bowel, Stomach Trouble and Rheumatism and gradually grew worse. One doctor told me at last that I had Bright's Disease and could not be cured; then I went to a specialist at Indianapolis. He doctored me for a long time and finally told me to go to the Springs at Martinsville, Ind. I did so and stayed there for some time, but no cure. I commenced taking Bodi-Tone ten months ago and went to work four days after I commenced its use. I am well now and weigh 220 pounds, for I am a large-boned man. I believe that I would have been under the ground if I had not taken Bodi-Tone. G. M. HILL.



Young Woman Was a "Bundle of Nerves"

ELDORA, IOWA.—I am twenty-seven years old and have been troubled with Nervousness for nine years or more. My health was impaired so badly that I was nothing but a bundle of Nerves, just a wreck of my former self. In addition to the Nervousness I suffered from Catarrh of the Head very badly. I have had a number of doctors, but none gave me more than temporary relief. I sent for Bodi-Tone and used four boxes, and am so thankful to say I am completely cured and have had no trouble for many months. I have gained in weight, too. My uncle, C. W. Danger, suffered from Rheumatism and Stomach trouble, and Bodi-Tone cured him. We always recommend it. MISS NELLIE DANGER.



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TOBE SPILKINS

Hiz Lettur

(W. S. Morgan)

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but it kant furnish fresh air tu the babies in the big cities nor keep peeple frum a catchin' uv the meezles. When that ornery Ben imported the meezles intu my family it maid me so dad-gummed mad I had a duck fit, and I eat a whole duck before I got enny releef. I knowed that the wurst that cood happen wood be that sum uv 'em might die and I furvently prayed that if they did it wood be that ornery Ben. But they dident enny uv 'em die, and az sune az Ben had nursed 'em all throo, havin' also bin nursed throo hizself, he went tu town and got sum whiskey and enuff small-pox tu caver hiz durned old hide az thick az the spots on a old speckled hen. Most ennybody wood think that wuz wurse enuff, but it aint the wurst uv it, az the follerin' lettur frum my wife indykates. The lettur reeds az follers:

"Deer Tobe: I know you air bizzy and don't like tu be bothered with things a goin' on here at home, but I feel it my duty, az yoor luvin' wife, tu let you know about sum uv the things that air a happenin'. I suppoze Ike Hawkins haz told you all about us a havin' uv the meezles, and uv Ben a ketchin' uv the small-pox. We nursed him well and got him throo all right. While Ben wuz down at hiz wurst a widder who mooved untu the Biggses plaice last fall cum over and offered tu help nurse him. She sed she had had the small-pox and there wuzent enny danger uv hur a takin' uv it agin. She sed that me and the children wood all take it frum Ben and she wood nurse us throo it and only charge us 5 dollers a weak. I thought that wuz mighty kind uv hur and az hur face wuzent a bit purty I ingaged hur. She hadnet bin here a weak until Ben wuz a konvellesin', and in another weak he had konvallesed enuff tu be up and help du things about the house. It wuz endurin' uv this seckoned weak that I tuk down. Ben helped the widder a good deel and I never seen a man git well az fast az he did. The widder, too, seemed tu git more pearter and kinder tu us all, speshually tu Ben.

I wuz down in bed 2 days, a goin' on the thurd when I begunned tu git suspishus that the widder wuz a gittin' too attentive tu Ben, and him a well man, or purty neert to. When they wuz in a room together away frum me I cood heer strange noises like pullin' uv a kork out uv a bottle, and then, sum-times things wuz so still that I got awfull nurvis. One day when the widder wuz in the kitchen a washin' uv the dishes, and Ben wuz a holpin' uv hur I noticed that the dishes dident clatter

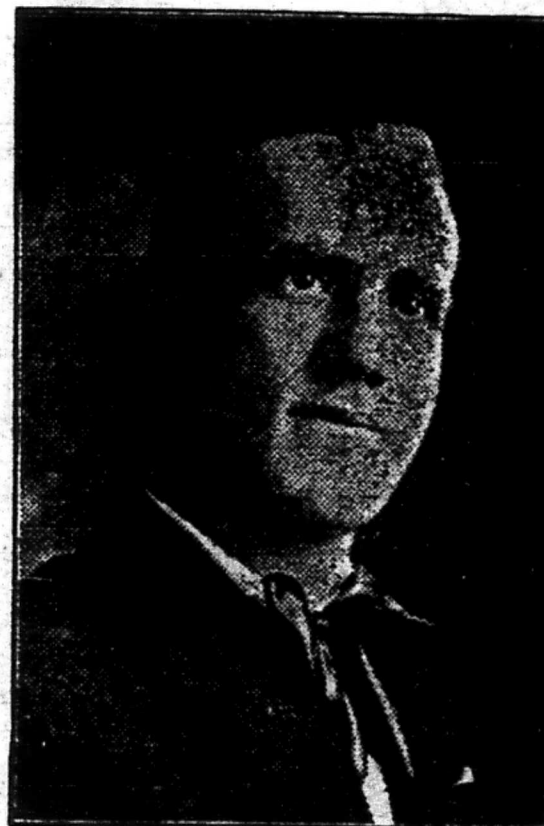
with that regularity that they ort tu, and them strange noizes filled up the spaces between the clatters. I heerd the widder say sumpting about Ben wurkin' fur hur on the farm az sune az we all got dun a havin' uv the small-pox. Then I riz up quietly so I cood heer with both ears. Then there wuz another kork pullin' and a short silence. Then Bed sed sumptin' about marryin'. Then there wuz sum more kork pullin'. The widder must have got eggscited and furgot hursel and spoke louder than she thought, fur I cood heer hur plain when she sed "yes, it will be best fur us tu git married, hunny, then you'll be mine always." Then the kork pullin' lasted fur sevural minnits and not a dish clattered. At furst I wuz dumfusted; then a kold chill run over me; then I wuz hot; then my strength cum bak tu me. The small-pox had left me, and I wuz my old self agin. I felt like there wuz sumpting needed doin'. I got up and slipped on my dress and shooze without makin' enny noize. Then I called the widder in and told hur tu cum out on the porch with me. She wuz pail and tremblin' but dident say nuthin'; there wuzent enny use; there had bin enuff sed. I grabbed hur by the shoulders and shuk hur till hur false hair fell tu the floor; then I shuk hur sum more and a double set uv false teeth fell rattlin' on the floor and the pads on hur shoulders cum loose and a artfishul eye got twisted out uv plaice so that it looked around tuwards Davy Joneses. I tore hur dress open and jurked the pads frum hur shoulders. I also remooved the pads that wuz neerst

tu hur hart; then I pushed hur away frum me. She fell over a chare and in hur skramble tu git up a kork laig cum loose and fell on the floor. I gethered hur up, or what wuz left uv hur, and set hur up aginst the side uv the porch wall. Then I put hur kork laig, hur pads, false teeth and hair in another pile. Then I called fur Ben tu cum out there. I know he had hurd the raket and suspishioned that sumpting wuz rong and he dident want tu cum, but I maid him cum. When he got out there and seem the two piles I never seen a man look az sheepish. I cood have nocked him down with a fether, and a small fether at that. But I dident have enny mersy on him. I pinte my finger uv skorn at furst one pile and then the uther. "Whitch" I sed, and I wuz so mad I fairly skreetched, "whitch pile du you want tu marry?"

"I-I-I-don't want tu marry either pile," he sed, "when I marry I want my wife tu be all in one lump."

I sent him bak intu the house and then I begun tu put the widder together agin az neer like she wuz before az I cood. I shuk hur tu peeces. It wuz a awfull job, but I got it dun in purty good shaip, all exsept gittin' uv the kork laig on rite; one uv the springs wuz bent and we coodent straiten it so as tu maik it fit, and I dident think it proper tu ask Ben tu cum out and help, so I got a peece uv balin' wire and fixed it on the best I cood. Then I told Ben tu git out the buggy and taik hur home. We holped hur in and az she started off she hollered bak at me and sed she wood git

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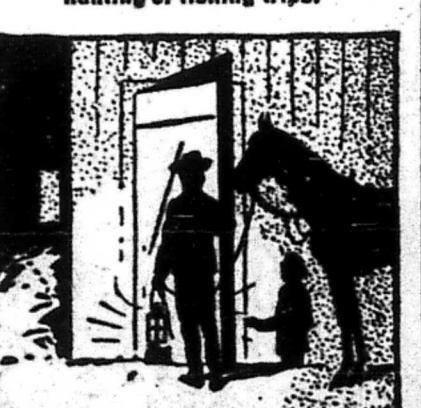
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Now, deer Toby, you understand the situashun. I don't think Ben wood marry a purty gurl if he had tu live in the house with a muther-in-law like the widder iz, but you kaint tell and there aint nuthin' like preparedness. I can't spare Ben off the farm. If he goes away you will have tu cum bak home and hoe kotton, plow korn, stik pees, maik ash-hoppers, help me maik sope, milk the cows, chop the stove wood, fix up the fenses 'round the farm, patch up the gaits, dokter the sick kaffs, put a new roof on the barn and chicken koop, lock the smoke-house door, maik the dog stay off uv the porch and put the kat out and lots uv uther things. The furst thing tu du tuwards preparedness, deer Toby, iz tu maik a appropriashun uv sum munny tu pay Ben's wages, buy me sum clothes and a pare uv high top shooze, and git the buggy painted and sum new harness, so az Ben and me kin ride around over the kountry and maik that old poky-noze widder so jellus she will have a goose fit every time we pass by hur house. Now, deer Toby, I think 5 hundred dollers will be enuff tu start with and if you only knowed how deerly and pashunaitly I luv you I know you will send it at once. Don't furgit that it iz in the cauze uv preparedness, and send it tu me by the next male. With ever so much luv and az menny kisses az you send dollers, I am yoor luvin' wife."

LUCREESHIA SPILKINS.

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L. S.

Now, Mister Editor, tu git a lettur like that iz a surkemstance ushually beyond a man's control, espeshually frum a wooman like Lu, my wife. It's purty neert az bad az the war in Yurrop and bothers me a dadgummed site

more. Too menny wimmin tu deel with iz wurse than not enuff. There's little Straw-hed; she's a waitin' tu git bak intu the offis. There's Freckledy; She's a waitin' tu marry that ornery Ben. Then there 'z my wife who iz jellus uv the widder, and the widder who iz jellus uv my wife; that's four uv 'em and another one a cummin', the widder's daurter. Then there's that ornery Ben; he's the kauze uv purty neert all the trubbel. He went and kaught the meezles and give 'em tu my family. Then he kaught the small-pox and give them tu my family, and about the next thing I eggspekt tu heer he will ketch the dispepsy or bak-ake and give them tu my family. I've bin tryin' tu git Ben tu rite a lettur tu Freckledy but he's bin sik, and besides he sez he kant rite a good luv lettur, and wants me tu rite one that will fit the okashun and he will kopyy it and send it tu hur. I'm a goin' tu du that, fur I don't see no uther way tu git them 2 jined in dubbel kussedness. I gess I'll have tu send that munny tu my wife; I've bin a preparin' fur "Preparedness" ever since Woodsaw begunned tu aggravate it, and have now got munny in two banks and sum in a oyster can. I'm a gittin uv good salleries and savin' uv my munny. I am ded sot on outwitting that ornery Ben and git him tied tu the skare krow in my offis. I wish my wife had let him go on and marry that widder.

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Yours trooly,
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SHOULD I BE DISCOURAGED?
By Roscoe Henson.

(To the Heroes of the social Revolution who are fighting against great odds, these lines are most respectfully dedicated.)

Should I be discouraged
When on life's path I find
The way too steep and rough and long?
Shall I sit down and quit
Because I'm tired and faint
And nothing seems to offer resting place?
No! I must plod on.
Perhaps beyond the hill
The way is smooth.
Or better yet, I may find shade
And water cool. There I'll rest.
But I must climb
And reach the summit first.

Should I be discouraged
When night comes down,
And clouds o'ercast the sky
Till not a single star is left
To guide my feet upon the way?
Shall I turn aside with fear
To look for specters of the night?
No! There are no ghosts
Save those our fears create,
If darkness makes it hard to find the path,
I shall await the dawn.
And waiting, gain new strength
To serve me well another day.

Should I be discouraged
Because a few of those I meet
And learn to love and trust
Are found to be unworthy or untrue?
Shall I say that all the world
Is like them, and love no more?
No! My love and trust
Shall be greater still to all the world.
For Love and Trust will heal the wounds
False friends have caused,
By finding friends who are just and true.

Should I be discouraged
When Danger meets me in the way?
Shall I say, "His strength is greater
Than my own," and turn and flee?
No! I shall advance and fight.
And if he beat me once or twice,
Or yet a hundred times,
I will not yield one inch,
But fight again.

If all these things should take my strength
And leave me broken on the wheel,
What then? Shall I be discouraged at the last?
Shall I wander from the path and die?
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Defeat of the Railroad Workers

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extremely doubtful. The chances are that the day of adjournment will find the matter in the same inextricable muddle it is today.

The Democrats in congress, in whose behalf the brotherhood leaders appealed so clamorously and worked so diligently in the late election, are in no rush to do the bidding of the leaders now, and the latter, after meeting with the general committee in special session at Chicago, have announced that no further action will be taken until the supreme court has been heard from. The announcement has a doleful sound. If the railroad workers are basing any final hope upon the capitalist supreme court they would better abandon it.

Little is now heard about taking a "strike vote." That kind of a vote would disclose a sorry result at this time. There was a time when this might have had force and potency but the long and dreary wait, the hopeless confusion, the utter giving away of their case to the politicians and the railroads has taken the heart out of the rank and file, and no one is more keenly alive to this fact than the railroads and their owners and managers who are chuckling over the smoothness with which they have once more gold-bricked the leaders of the brotherhoods and put it over their vassals and slaves. All they are now after is the amendment to the Adamson law which provides that grievances shall be investigated before a strike can lawfully take place and this means, so far as the law is concerned, that the railroad strike is dead as a mummy and that the railroads will have their employes exactly where they want them. Adamson is quoted as saying that this amendment will certainly pass and if it does the cup of the railroad workers will be full to overflowing.

The colossal mistake of the brotherhoods from the very start was in refusing to take into their movement the other employes in the service. When the crisis came, after an overwhelming majority of the rank and file had voted in favor of a strike, the brotherhood leaders hesitated and halted, feeling in their hearts, for reasons which have been stated in these columns, that a strike might bring crushing disaster, and this doubtless had its influence in determining them to turn the issue over to President Wilson and the politicians.

Had the brotherhoods invited the co-operation and support of the great bulk, fully 80% per cent, of the employes, they would have undoubtedly secured it and their movement would have been a winner from the start and a winner for every employe in the service. But true to their policy they preferred to go it alone and

now behold their defeat and discomfiture. It is a sad spectacle and every union man must keenly regret the pathetic outcome of what should have been glorious victory for the railroad workers and for the whole labor movement.

If the leaders had represented the whole body of railroad employes, as they should have done, they would not have had to turn their case over to the politicians. They would have had the power to enforce their demands and I venture to say that they would not even have been called upon to put that power to the test with the railroads. The 80 per cent of the employes not in the train service, being quite as fully entitled to the eight-hour day and extra pay for overtime as are the employes in that department, why should they have been excluded and left out in the cold? It was precisely the injustice of this that found expression in the weakness of the movement, and crippled it, hamstrung it, and brought it to final disaster.

Oh, that the rank and file would only think more for themselves and depend less upon their leaders! Like sheep they rushed pell-mell into the Democratic shambles last fall and now they are being slaughtered without mercy by the very power they created with their misguided ballots. When they voted the Democratic ticket at the behest of their leaders they gave their support to the party of their masters and thereby put the corporations in control of the national administration, and if now their masters are in power and they are in slavery they may profit by the reflection that this condition is due to themselves and that it can never be changed as long as they give their support, political and otherwise, to the master class instead of their own. It would have been sad indeed if these multiplied thousands of wage-slaves with capitalist minds had thrown their votes away by voting for the Socialist party, the party of their own class.

But it is not too late to make amends and to turn the defeat of the 20 per cent into victory for the 100 per cent of the employes in the railroad service. It can be done. There is not the slightest question about it. Nor any complication. It is perfectly simple. Let the leaders issue a call to all the employes in the service through their respective unions or, in the case of the unorganized, by direct appeal, to send their representatives to Chicago or some other central point for the purpose of launching a general movement for the eight-hour day and pay-and-one-half for overtime, and this without a day of unnecessary delay. Coupled with the call the announcement should be made in terms too clear to be misunderstood that refusal on the part of the railroads to comply with demands would be at once followed by a general strike and that

the railroads would be paralyzed from end to end of the country. This would bring the corporations to their senses. It would clarify the situation in congress with amazing suddenness, and even the old Wall street supreme court would blink and sit up and take notice.

If the railroad employes who are now left to hold the bag and gaze vacantly into space after their pockets have been picked by the corporations want to see an exhibition of quick action on the part of politicians in congress and elsewhere let them command and compel their leaders to issue the call above suggested. The effect will be a revelation and the great body of railroad workers who have been bilked out of over two million dollars for which they have received practically nothing will get the substantial results they are aiming at without the outlay of another dollar.

The railroads last year netted over a billion dollars in profits and they can well afford to concede the demand and ought to be compelled to come across.

This is the same plan advocated in these columns from the very start. It still holds good and every clear-thinking union man will admit it. Had this plan been adopted and carried out the eight-hour day and pay-and-a-half for overtime would have been established months ago and the great body of railroad employes would today be enjoying the golden fruit of victory instead of draining the bitter cup of defeat and disaster.

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Socialist Vote in Kentucky

The Socialist vote in Kentucky this year increased 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % over last year. Vote 1916, 4,734; Vote 1915, 3,364; Gain of 1,370 votes. Only ten counties now show no Socialist votes in the State. The First, Fifth and Sixths districts have increased their vote over 1915, at least 50%.

There are several thousand RIP-SAW readers in the State and the work for the year just closing is largely due to the assistance rendered the State office by the NATIONAL RIP-SAW.

Through the co-operation of that magazine we got in touch with readers all over the State and worked up meetings, and secured many new members.

We are taking this opportunity to personally appeal to every reader of the RIP-SAW to write at once to the Socialist State Headquarters, 530 West Market St., Louisville Ky, and secure information how to organize a local or become a member-at-large and help us Socialize Kentucky. We have over 500 red card members to date. Give us your name to this political union being organized to unite the farmers and wage workers all over the United States the only way to solve the high cost of living.

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Opinion of Dr. Howard James, late of United States Public Health Service, who has prescribed and thoroughly tested Nuxated Iron in his own private practice.

WHAT SENATOR MASON SAYS:

"I have often said I would never recommend medicine of any kind. I believe that the doctor's place. However, after the hardest political campaign of my life, without a chance for a vacation, I had been starting to court every morning with that horrible tired feeling one cannot describe. I was advised to try Nuxated Iron. As a pioneer in the pure food and drug legislation, I was at first loath to try an advertised remedy, but after advising with one of my medical friends, I gave it a test. The results have been so beneficial in my own case I made up my mind to let my friends know about it, and you are at liberty to publish this statement if you so desire. I am now sixty-five years of age, and I feel that a remedy which will build up the strength and increase the power of endurance of a man of my age should be known to every nervous, run-down anaemic man, woman and child."

Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron was shown to several physicians who were requested to give their opinions thereon.

Dr. Howard James, late of the United States Public Health Service, said:

"Senator Mason is to be commended on handing out this statement on Nuxated Iron for public print. There are thousands of men and women who need a strength and blood-builder, but do not know what to take. There is nothing like organic iron—Nuxated Iron—to give increased strength, snap, vigor, and staying power. It enriches the blood, brings roses to the cheeks of women and is an unfailing source of renewed vitality, endurance and power for men who burn up too rapidly their nervous energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day!"

Dr. King, a New York physician and author, said: "I heartily indorse Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron. There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anemia. Anemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anemic men and women is pale; the flesh flabby; the muscles lack tone; the brain fags, and the memory fails, and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy."

"In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated cornmeal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss.

"Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vim and vigor to a ripe old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron—Nuxated Iron—just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

Dr. Sauer, a Boston physician, who has studied abroad in great European medical institutions, said: "Senator Mason is right. As I have said a hundred times over, organic iron is the greatest of all strength builders.

"Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination, for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with the blood pressure of a boy of twenty and as full of vigor, vim and vitality

as a young man; in fact, a young man he really was, notwithstanding his age. The secret, he said, was taking organic iron—Nuxated Iron had filled him with renewed life. At thirty he was in bad health; at forty-six he was care-worn and nearly all in. Now at fifty, after taking Nuxated Iron, a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking, just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next, take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again, and see how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, rundown people who were ailing all the while double their strength and endurance and entirely rid themselves of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. The iron demanded by Mother Nature for the red coloring matter in the blood of her children is, alas! not that kind of iron. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete and prizefighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the fray; while many another has gone down in inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, said: "I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

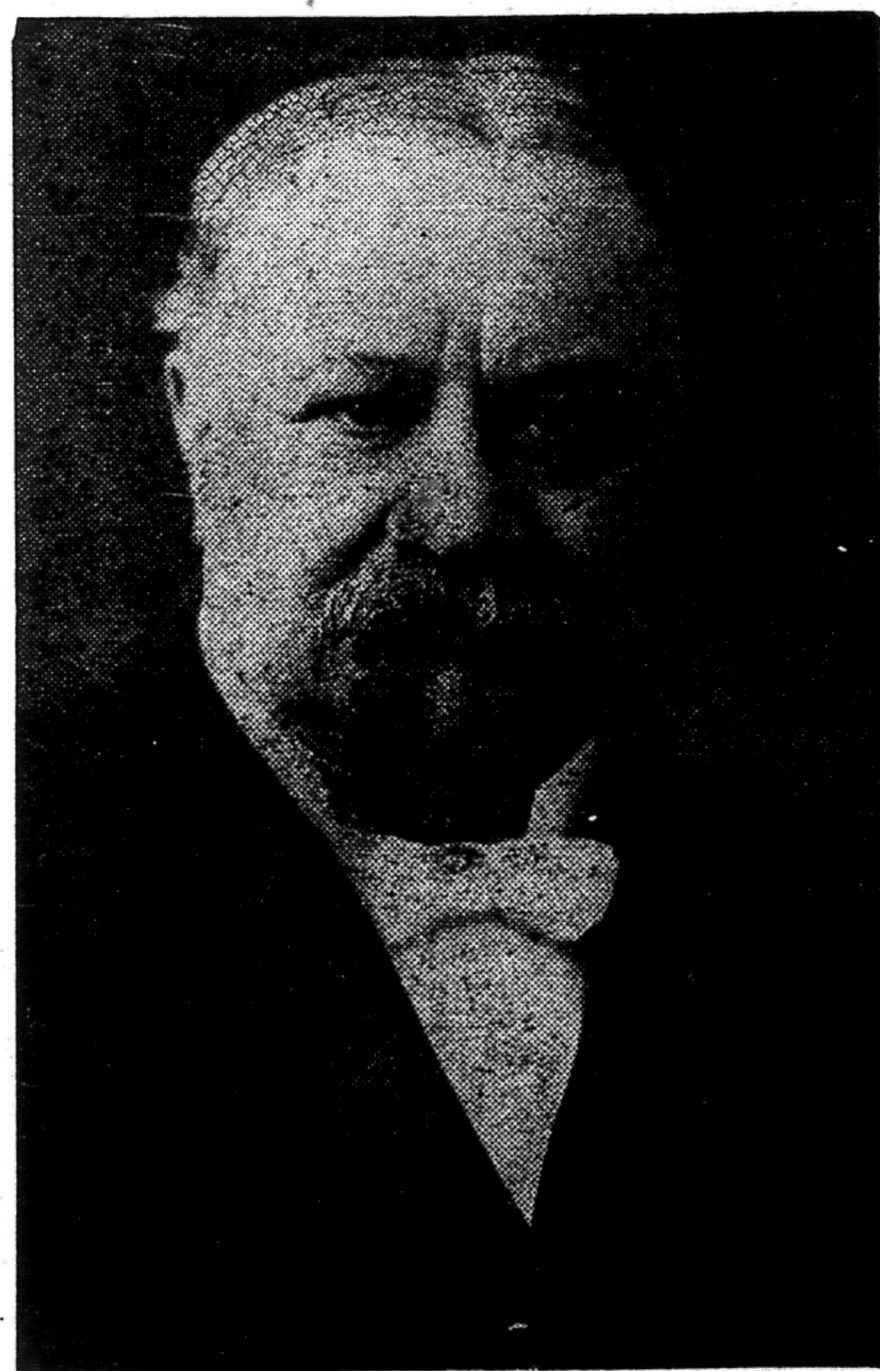
NOTE—Nuxated iron which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians in such a great variety of cases, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians both in Europe and America. Unlike the older inorganic iron products it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestions as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in nuxated iron that they offer to forfeit \$100.00 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron, and increase their strength 200 per cent or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed by all good druggists.

From the Congressional Directory, published by the United States Government—
"Wm. E. Mason, Senator from Illinois, was elected to the 50th Congress in 1887, to the 51st Congress in 1891—defeated for the 52nd Congress 1892—elected Senator to the 55th Congress 1897 to 1903."

Senator Mason is now Congressman-at-large from the State of Illinois. In the last election Samuel Gompers said: "Senator Mason's fight for the eight-hour law entitles him to the help of everybody."

Senator Mason's championship of Pure Food and Drugs legislation, his fight for the rural free delivery system, and his strong advocacy of all bills favoring labor and the rights of the masses as against trusts and combines, made him a national figure at Washington and endeared him to the hearts of the working man and the great masses of people throughout the United States. Senator Mason has the distinction of being one of the really big men of the nation. His strong endorsement of Nuxated Iron must convince any intelligent thinking reader that it must be a preparation of very great merit and one which the Senator feels is bound to be of great value to the masses of people everywhere, otherwise he could not afford to lend his name to it, especially after his strong advocacy of pure food and drugs legislation.

Since Nuxated Iron has obtained such an enormous sale—over three million people using it annually—other iron preparations are often recommended as a substitute for it. The reader should remember that there is a vast difference between ordinary metallic iron and the organic iron contained in Nuxated Iron, therefore always insist on having Nuxated Iron as recommended by Dr. Howard James, late of the United States Public Health Service; Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Eliza-



Former United States Senator Wm. E. Mason, recently elected Member of the U. S. Congress from Illinois.

beth's Hospital, New York, and other physicians. In this connection Dr. Howard James says:

"Iron to be of the slightest value to the human system must be in a combination which may be easily assimilated. In the case of metallic salts of iron, iron acetate, etc., it is very doubtful if sufficient actual iron can be taken up and incorporated into the blood to be of any service, especially in view of the disadvantages entailed by its corrosive action upon the stomach and the damaging effect upon the dental enamel. When, however, we deal with iron in organic combination, such for instance as albuminate, or better still, Nuxated Iron, a far different story is told. We will observe no destructive action upon the teeth; no corrosive effect upon the stomach. The iron is readily assimilated into the blood and quickly makes its presence felt in increased vigor, snap and staying power."

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The People of the Hills

It seems scarcely credible and yet it is true, that within the borders of the United States there should be a people and a country less known to the average American than France or Germany, China or Japan. A land where with mountain and valley, hill and dale God has created an endless series of pictures of exquisite and surpassing beauty. A land, where with great caverns and mammoth caves, we may read the history of long ages of world building.

This wonderland stretches through the hill and mountain country from Virginia westward to the Ozarks of Arkansas. Its natural beauties and marvelously rich natural resources are almost unknown and untouched. It is peopled by about three million of the finest and purest American stock. They are called the "hill people" and without doubt they have more virtues and fewer vices, better brains and better instincts, less greed and less degeneracy than can be found in any other section of a like number of inhabitants in the United States.

The history of these hill people is one of unusual interest. When Virginia was settled it offered a nice, convenient place for the upper class families of England to send their surplus younger sons. These gay young blades were not averse to adventure and the new world offered it in almost any form. So countless numbers of young men, the very best blood of England flocked to the colony of Virginia. These gay young adventurers had good blood, education, refinement and artistic accomplishments. But they were woefully lacking in the plain, ordinary ability to earn a living. Some fell into dissolute ways and drank and gambled themselves into an early grave; some returned to England, but many more, ashamed to return without the gold they had come to seek, wandered back into the mountains. They could not compete with the peasant in tilling the soil, and they were of too fine a type to compete with the coarser tradesmen in the traffic in rum and negroes. They were jolly youngsters, keen sportsmen, fond of horses and the hunt and the hills were full of game, so they subsisted largely by hunting and fishing and trapping and lived gay and more or less carefree lives. Of course they could not marry women of their own station, so when any of these men wanted a wife he took a hogshead of tobacco, or a bale of pelts down to Richmond and bought himself an "indentured woman" or one of the "female debtors" which England sent to the colonies. (Read "Workers in American History," James Oneal, for the story of these women.)

Gradually they drifted to the west, but always keeping to the hills.

Their mountains were not rich enough to tempt the greedy so they lived in almost complete isolation, and to this day they retain the characteristics of their forefathers. They speak almost pure "Elizabethian English" and they have retained not only the language of England in the time of Queen Elizabeth, but also the folk songs and the music. They are a people as yet almost unspoiled by capitalist civilization; a people where hospitality is a religion; where courtesy is as innate as the desire for life; where love is "faithful unto death;" where the ties of kinship are as strong as life, and where friendship is a thing too sacred to be discussed, a thing to be defended at all cost. They have both contempt and suspicion for the processes of laws and courts and much prefer to defend their property, their honor and their lives with their own "shooting irons," and hence the lingering remnants of the once very popular and quite respectable "family feud."

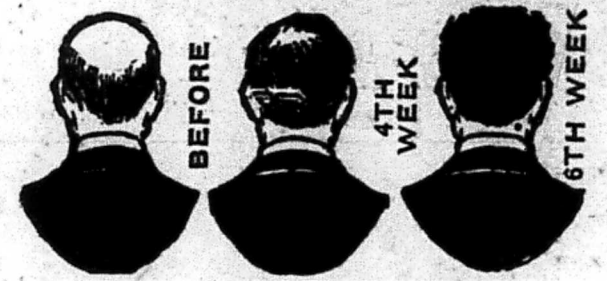
These good natured, happy-go-lucky men were more concerned with hunting foxes than in building schools, so to this day, schools are few and far between and there is not much "book learning" among them. Though they speak the most pleasing English of any Americans, not excepting the bean-bred Bostonese, and their language puts New York to shame. Their methods of farming has not changed to any great extent in the last two hundred years, and their living conditions are rather primitive; but on the other hand they are not exploited by the trusts to so great an extent as the farmers in richer regions, hence abject poverty and vicious luxury are both almost unknown.

There are black spots in this land of beauty where capitalist development has come, and here we see capitalism in its very worst, as in the coal fields of West Virginia, Kentucky and Arkansas; in the lumber and iron mills and mine towns of Tennessee and in the tobacco districts where the American Tobacco Trust has made a hell out of one of the beauty spots of the world.

It is strange that this great land should be so little known. Thousands of people travel through it, deaf, dumb and blind to its charm. The average traveler who rides through this district sees in the poorly tilled fields what they call "shiftlessness," in the rudely built cabins what they term "laziness," in the neglected natural resources what they consider "lack of ambition" and "stupidity" and in the dignified reticence of the people what they term "ignorance and prejudice." Nothing could be farther from the truth than this conception of these really wonderful people. They are not shiftless or lazy, they do not lack ambition and they are neither ignorant nor prejudiced, but the exact opposite of these things, but they need education.

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It is quite true that these people have strong opinions, convictions and passions as their tendency to indulge in feuds has proven, but a feud is not the proof of a vice, rather a virtue misdirected. Every teacher who has gone among the hill people with a sincere, sympathetic desire to help and understand, has found them to be eager students, clear thinkers, amendable to reason, and most susceptible to the gospel of progress. The mountaineer has three great characteristics—simple unaffected dignity, well-poised self-respect and unassuming modesty, and no people anywhere possess more personal magnetism and personal charm.

The hill people need more and better schools whose teachers have a broad vision and are willing to sacrifice something in money for the richness of the work. They need men and women to live among them and show them how to farm by new and scientific methods. It is a wonderful land of opportunity for the teacher who has courage and faith and vision and a willingness to learn as well as teach. Such educators will find a royal welcome and a deep and lasting joy in their work as well as the most wonderful co-operation from young and old.

Improbable Epitaphs

By PHILLIPS RUSSELL in the Masses

Here lies the body of HENRY R. WATKINS, Late private, Co. K, Kentish Rifles, who fell at Ypres, March 20, 1916. He died to establish the supremacy of British over German tin pie plates in the markets of Tierra del Fuego. Hence this monument, erected in grateful memory by The Sheffield Manufacturers' Association.

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Prosperity and the Great Fear

By Scott Nearing.

The man or woman who works for wages is followed through life by a great Fear that lurks at the end of every week, and shows its hideous visage at the opening of every winter. This phantom is called unemployment—the loss of a job.

Unemployment may attack a wage earner for many reasons. Sickness, accident, strikes, lockouts, shut-downs, labor saving machinery—are some of the causes that lead the boss to say, on Friday night, "We will not need you next week." That sentence is as frightful as it is final. The job stops. The wage stops. Unless another job can be found, the wolf will be whining at the door.

Prosperity reigned in the United States during 1915 and 1916. The present generation cannot remember a time when the wheels of industry were turning faster, when the demands for labor were more insistent, when the products and profits of American industry were more vast than they have been during these two years.

The call for labor is sounded from every city. The casual reader of the daily papers would assert with conviction that there were at least four jobs demanding the presence of every three able-bodied men in the country.

Despite this impression there was a serious unemployment problem in the United States during this whole period of apparent prosperity. The unemployment facts for the most prosperous years in the Twentieth Century are published by several states, among them, Massachusetts, which has been a hive of industry ever since the beginning of the war. The latest Massachusetts bulletin, just published, gives some interesting facts on unemployment in 1916, of members of labor unions in Massachusetts. No facts are furnished for non-union wage earners.

On June 30, 1916, that is during the summer when there was the greatest demand for labor, 7,358 union men and women in the chief cities of Massachusetts were unemployed. This number constituted 4.2 per cent of the total membership of the unions making reports to the Bureau of Statistics.

During the previous winter the rate of unemployment had been higher. In September 1915 it was 7 per cent; December 1915, 8.6 per cent; March 1916, 8.6 per cent.

It is interesting to note that this unemployment was distributed rather evenly over the different trades, with the exception of the building trades. Thus in June 1916, the rate of unemployment of the boot and shoe industry, the textile industry, transportation, printing and allied trades, and "all other industries and trades" was from 3 to 4 per cent. In the building trades it was 7.6 per cent.

Unemployment was therefore very general, and not confined to any particular industry.

The report further shows the causes which created the unemployment in June 1916. Of the 7,358 persons unemployed, 2,527 were unemployed because of disability—sickness, accident, old age, etc., 2,323 because of lack of work; 1,504 because of strikes and lockouts; 506 because of bad weather; and 498 for other causes.

In short the modern system of industrial production is so organized that in one of the most active industrial sections of the country, in the great centers of industry, during a year of unprecedented prosperity, thousands of people were constantly out of employment because of conditions over which they themselves had little or no control.

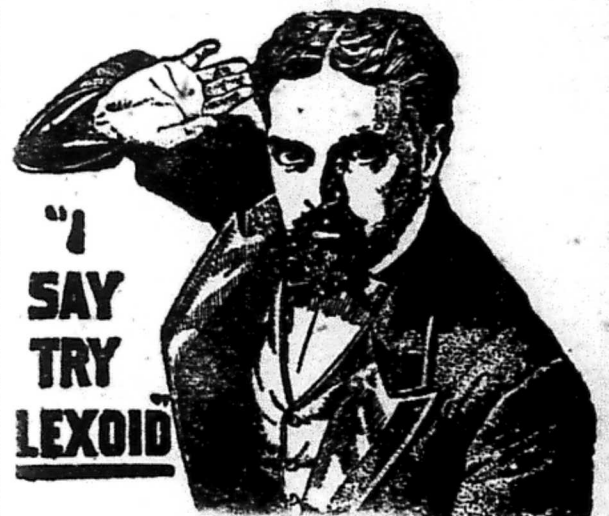
The year 1916 has been one of feverish industrial activity. Yet, even in this most prosperous of prosperous years, the great Fear of unemployment was haunting thousands of homes in one of the richest states on the American continent.

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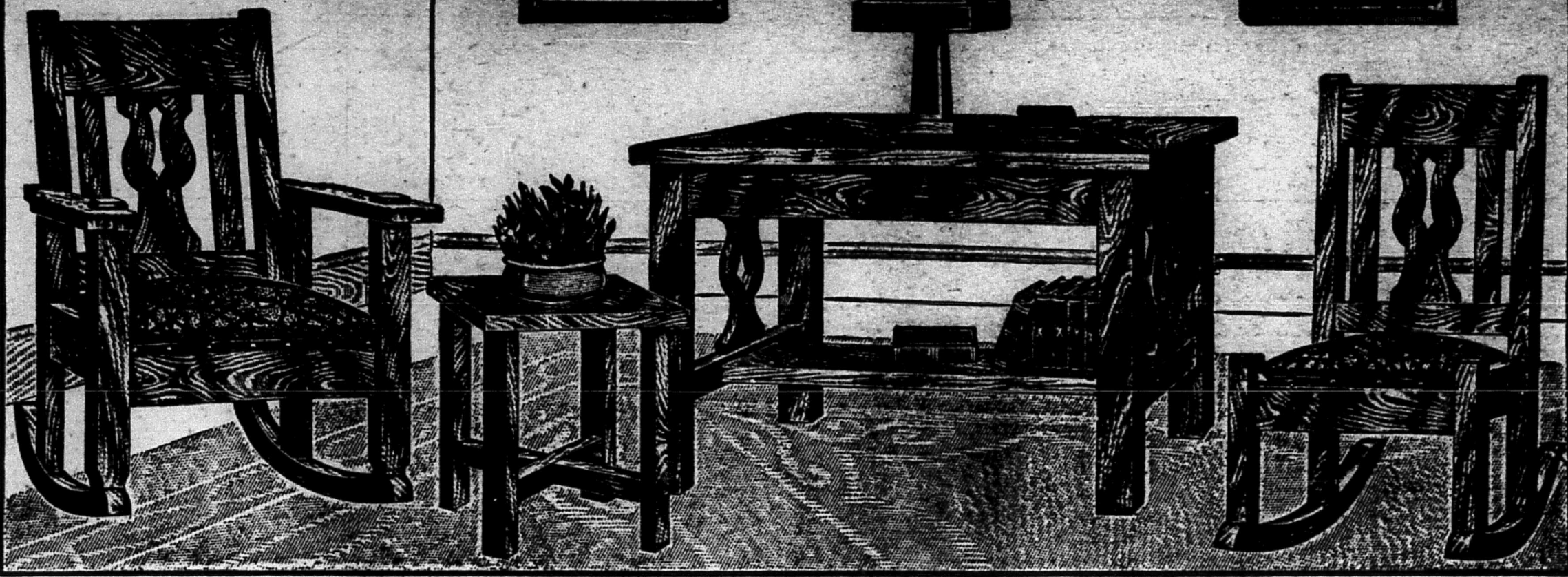
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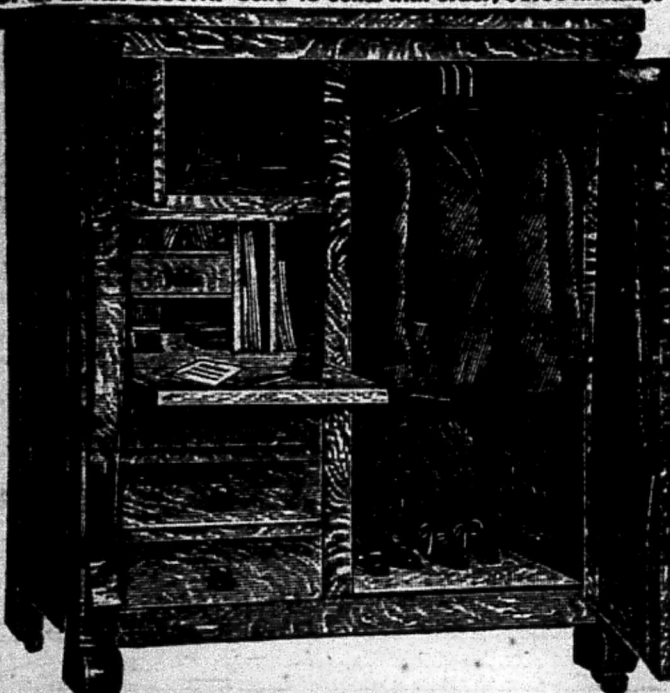
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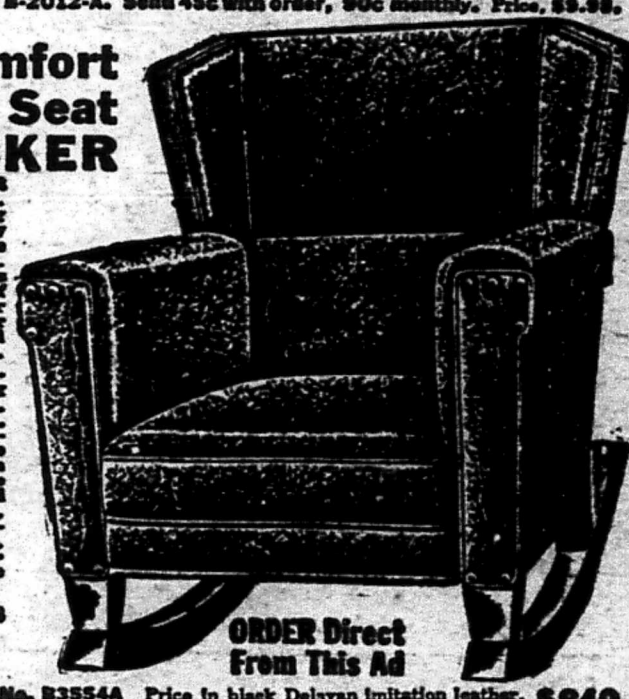
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