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AS TO SUICIDES.

A committee of the American Academy of Medicine at Los Angeles Cal. think they have made an important discovery. Upon a casual investigation they have come to the conclusion that newspapers are largely responsible for the frequent suicides in this country. This is an other dream, a fantasy, a cloudy chimera and unsustained invention. It is possible that a published account of a suicide may suggest a method, but that would be the limit, and the medical fraternity must draw largely upon their fertile imaginations, when they exceed this limit. The suicide mania is inherited from parents of a melancholia nature, or certain conditions extremely depressing have forced themselves upon some super-sensitive soul, is the cause of suicides, and not the published accounts in newspapers, of "one more unfortunate."

Samson had not read the newspaper when he pulled down the pillars of the Philistine temple, but Samson was a suicide. Abimelech never saw a newspaper but he was a suicide. Saul the first King of Israel was a suicide.

Mithredates had never read a paper when he took the fatal poison to avoid falling in the hands of the hated Romans. Empedocle threw himself into the burning crater of Vesuvius, more than ten centuries ago, but up to this the closest imitator was an Englishman that jumped into a furnace. Demosthenes, Cato, Ajax, and thousands of others were suicides, they have been shuffling off this mortal coil with their own hands for time immemorial, preferring to fly to ills they knew not of rather than to suffer those of this world.

If these Savants of materia-medica are honestly seeking to throw light upon the cause of the growing tendency to suicides of this age let them seek for the reason in the sins of the rich sensualist, the voluptuous winebibber, the absynth fiend, and the beast who has been taught there is no God but gold. Then on the other hand let him seek it among the poor, where starvation constantly stares a man in the face, where want and penury grasp the hands of so many sufferers. Then go back behind it all, and read the stained and damned records of our national laws which have fostered and encouraged this condition, and you will find why suicide is becoming more prevalent. It means to escape the very condition that our beneficent Government imposes upon its loyal subjects.

This is an extremely strenuous age, made more strenuous by the godless worship of gold, the infatuation, the feverish impatient haste for money getting. With the rich it is a continuous stress to invent some new diversion, some new pleasure to gratify a morbid, but oft surfeited, restless desire for excitement, and thus the tyrant of unlicensed debauch, the wassail of unrestrained dissipation drives on with whip and spur until the victims feel the scorching sands of hell. With the poor there is an anxious, and fruitless struggle for food to feed famishing lips, and raiment for naked bodies, and uneven fight to keep back the wolf of want. It is these unjust, and unnatural extremes that have created conditions, that are driving people down the torturing steep of an unrelenting desire to free poor struggling souls from their tenement of clay.

Why this? the answer, the world has bent its knee, and bowed its head in abject worship to Baal.

From the white robed priest with his pretended piety, and faltering faith in Christ, through the winding sluice gates of desperation, and desolation, to your expert captains of high finance there runs the putrid sewer of sordid selfishness, of venality, of cruel imposition. "Am I my brothers keeper?" is echoing down the corri-

dors of time, as it was uttered by the first murderer. Selfishness, selfishness everywhere, concreted and incarnated into heartless man, these furnish your reasons for suicides. Mouths famishing for bread are given a stone, hearts hungriing and thirsting for a kind word, for a man sympathy are brutally thrust aside with a sneer.

AN OTHER WRONG THREATENED.

When the parcel post comes, we will have some more evidence, in fact much more evidence of the beneficence of this government in creating laws to aid certain of its citizens who are rich and powerful, to the prejudice and harm of other citizens who are needy and weak.

The parcel post bill had its incipency among the mail order stores of the North, and North west that wanted to monopolize the retail trade of this country. The high cost of express, and other imposition permitted, prohibits largely the expansion of the mail order business to the limits, of crushing out the retail local trade, so they wanted to impose upon the government the extra cost of carrying these parcels to the purchasers in this country at a loss in order that they might enjoy a greater profit.

It is to be hoped that congress may retain sufficient sense of justice to never permit this parcel post bill enacted into a law. Even under the present condition the retail local merchant suffers enough, but with the parcel post law created you might say exclusively for the mail order houses the retail merchant will be struck a staggering blow.

If the government wishes to take a hand to help these monopolist let it insist upon a reduction in express rates. Companies that can earn 33 per cent on capital and watered stock is evidently bleeding some one, nor are they scrupulous about the quantity of blood either.

NEGLECTED REFORMS.

The state bar Association which met at Lake Toxaway last week inspired by the splendid address of its president Mr. C. W. Tillett of Charlotte did not get enthused sufficient to record their protest against the present infamous jury system of this state which encourages the employment of the most illiterate and ignorant juries, men that do not read or think, to try capital cases. They want some reforms but not in the line of expediting criminal business, in sending murderers on an early jaunt to the electric chair, or even on a short term to the state penitentiary.

When the state bar Association of New York met some time past, these matters were seriously considered, and a pre-able reciting the wrong done justice, and asking a correction was formulated, but with the North Carolina bar high fees, and more of them was the paramount issue.

Cause And Effect.

A writer in the Strand magazine says that Great Britain's export trade amounts to \$2,000,000,000 per annum in value against Germany's \$1,250,000,000 and America's \$1,750,000,000. The population of England is about half of that of Germany and less than half that of the United States. England has free trade; Germany and the United States have a protective tariff. Petersburg Index-Appeal.

This is the whole tale in a nutshell Great Britain leads the nations of the world in export trade for the combined reason that it places practically no restrictions upon consumers and that its chief competitors shackle it with tariffs so heavy as in some cases to be actually prohibitive. Under conditions similar to those obtaining in Great Britain, the United States, with its infinitely greater resources and advantage would in a few short years expand its foreign trade to a point where it would double not only that it now has, but even that of the United Kingdom. The Protective policy as practiced by the Republican party has had and continues to have, among others, the effect of upbuilding British commerce and that of other European nations at the expense of our own. - Virginia Pilot.

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A Remarkable Showing.

The government edict against further propagation of the poppy plant in China was issued three years ago. During the period which has since elapsed production, as officially established by careful investigation, has decreased from sixty to seventy per cent. At this rate complete eradication of poppy culture will be effected within the next two years. English observers consider as nothing less than a miracle this response on part of three hundred million Chinese to restrictive regulation of the Government; and well they may, when it is considered how firmly fixed the opium habit had become in the Celestial Kingdom—the yearly output being valued at \$115,000,000 and even at that, insufficient for home consumption. The result speaks volumes both for the efficiency of Chinese enforcement of law and of the capacity of self-restraint possessed by China's population. It is certain that the United States, under similar conditions, would not have been able to make half as good a showing, and it is more than doubtful that any of the nations of Europe could. There are many things which we of the enlightened Occident might well learn of the "Heathen Chinese" if we would only abandon the supercilious superiority with which we are wont to regard the little yellow man of the Orient. - Virginia Pilot.

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C. B. Smith, Assignee.

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