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AN ALLEGED CURE

A sort of homeopathic cure for monopoly is suggested by a writer in the Forum. It is homeopathic not in the size of its doses, but in the principle that "like cures like." The writer indeed proposes to administer monopoly and "combines" in big doses. He suggests that everybody should go into even the farmers. Not only, he says, should the coal mine owners combine and the United Coal Workers combine against them, the fruit growers of California and North Carolina form an association and sell through their own agents only, but the Granger movement should be revived and the farmers own their own elevators and handle the sale of their crops to consumers, etc. This is all very nice as a scheme for the control of commodities like coal, and steel and grain, dried and fresh fruit, potatoes and standard oil, but where will the poor professional man come in? Will the school teachers form a trust and make a price per dozen for teaching children of 5 to 10 and another price from 10 to 15 and so on, a sort of graded scale? Will the author and poet combine in a price per foot for prose and verses? Will the artists combine and ask so much per square yard of painted canvas? Will the clergyman strike for so much per manuscript sheet of written sermon or so many hours extemporaneous discourse? Will the editors agree that so many editorials, each 10 inches long is a day's work? Will the doctors strike for an eight hour day or twelve patient visits? Will the composers of sacred and profane music demand union wages or form a stock company to limit production? Will the lawyers hold out for an all the year round court and every day wages? In other words, when the new order prevails and everything possible has gone into a trust, won't it be the same old class that is left out in the cold? The same class that is now squeezed between "capital" and "labor," the professional class that ministers to the mental and moral as well as the physical needs of mankind? On the whole, while price may be regulated on various commodities there will still remain a large class of tolerably useful and amusing citizens who will have to trust to luck and their own wits to get a living income. Now and then one of them will make a hit and his "pie," but lots of them will continue to struggle along on less than day's wages for laying brick—just as they do now. Possibly, however, a world of trusts and combines will eventually exterminate the "professional" class altogether. Who knows? With this possibility in view let us be kind to them while they are still with us, remember that some day they may be seen only in museums as specimens of an extinct species. When all the trades and industries are organized and the big fight of the twentieth century is on, it will be the innocent spectators in the form of the professional classes that, as usual, will be the principal victims.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN.

IT IS quite wonderful how man with his superior intellect can dominate the brute creature," said a man once on the hotel piazza. His companions dissented from his view and asserted that there were decided limits to what man could do with the brute creation. One of them suggested that the first speaker go down and take a bone away from an ugly bull dog that was in sight chained to a kennel. The man addressed said he could and would, and, exclaiming himself a moment, came back and walked to the dog, who, though he growled and showed his teeth as the man approached, sneaked back into his kennel and let him take his bone. The man's friends were dumfounded; but the secret which he did not tell was that he had gone to his room and saturated his hands with ammonia during his brief absence before he approached the dog.

HAVE BEEN cheated out of bargains in shopping several times lately," said a lady regretfully, "by being too slow. I had seen certain goods advertised and had even walked past the stores and seen them displayed, but being somewhat dilatory by habit and having other things to attend to I thought that I'd wait until next time I came down town. When finally I did get ready to purchase, a new line of goods had replaced those I wanted. The merchants in Asheville certainly do keep up with the season, and one must be as brisk as elsewhere in order to get the pick of new goods or bargains in out of season ones. I missed a medium weight jacket and a French flannel waist I wanted, by putting off. I've learned a lesson though," she added.

La grippe, despite its French name, is a Russian disease. According to Dr. Felix Oswald, in Health Culture, it originates in the hovels of the Russian peasants. The fire in the big stove moulders night and day. At the approach of cold weather the aperture serving the purpose of a window is stopped up with rags and in some cases with muck and sods. The door is shrouded with old blankets, pigs, pups and bear-eyed brats vie in snags against cleanliness. At sundown half-drunken clowns stagger in to let their rain-soaked sheepskin cloaks steam all night. Grease spots and wet linen add their perfume, and the space behind the stove is crowded with vats of fermenting cabbage mash. Frost fights down the catarrhs that flicker up incessantly in that melange of gaseous abominations, but at the first thaw they are apt to get beyond control, and with the aid of continuous warm weather the contagion spreads from village to village, and blazes up in the crowded slums of seaports and manufacturing towns, and thence it crosses seas to work its havoc in other countries.

Women alone are active members of the Improvement Association of Honesdale, Pa., whose motto is, "Let us all work together." Men are admitted as honorary members. Since the association was formed, eight years ago, it has built a retaining wall along the river flowing through the town, constructed a river walk, beautified a bridge, secured a fountain near by, turned a frog pond and dumping ground into a park and placed receptacles for rubbish along the streets. The largest gift ever received by the association was \$25. The work has been carried on chiefly by united effort, ardent interest and good-will. It is said of the association by one who has watched its labors that, "Like a freshly-painted house in the neighborhood, it starts nearly everybody in sight to planning improvements on their own property."

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UNCLE SAM SPENDING \$3,500,000 FOR RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

How the System Was First Established and the Manner in Which It Will Be Extended—Automatic Cross-roads Offices.

The postoffice department is preparing to spend some of the \$3,500,000 appropriated at the last session of congress for the extension of rural free delivery of mails. The term "rural free delivery" is almost self explanatory. It means that in the receipt of his letters, papers and packages the farmer is to be placed on the same plane with the dweller in cities. At present only a small part of the farming area of the United States is covered by this new system of delivery, but as rapidly as a paternal government can accomplish the feat every accessible farmer in the United States will have his mail dropped at his door.

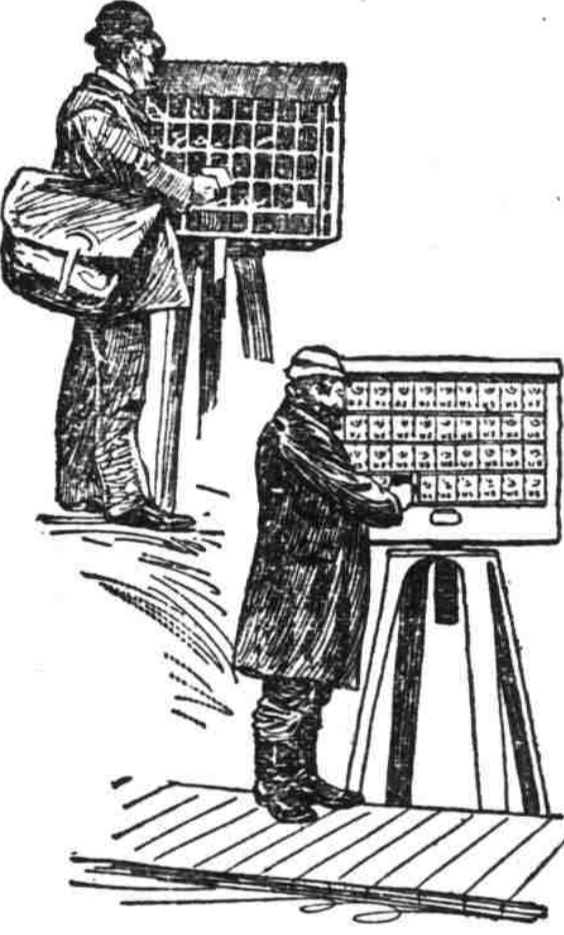
When a rural delivery is to be established in any territory, the members of the communities to be benefited must have made good roads, either macadamized or gravel. Thus the postoffice aids the country in encouraging and inciting the building of roads. The families along the route must put up boxes suitable for the reception of the mail. These boxes must be on the route. The carriers do not deliver to the houses.

In some places the patrons of the rural free delivery set up at a crossroads a cabinet containing individual letter boxes, with distinct keys for each. In other districts there are separate boxes placed along the route of delivery. The postoffice department has had some trouble to induce the patrons of the route to put up proper mail boxes. Tomato cans, cigar boxes, broken drainpipes and even sections of discarded stovepipe have been used at times.

The method of rural delivery of mails by carriers is very simple. The carrier starts after the morning mail has been opened. The majority of his letters are addressed to the postoffice, and an additional marking designated "Rural Route No. —" aids him in assorting his mail from that which will be called for at the postoffice or which belongs to other carriers.

From the wayside mail boxes the carrier collects any letters that have been deposited and in it places the mail for the owner. Then blowing his whistle or horn to attract the attention of his patron he drives briskly on. As a rule, the rural delivery route is laid out so that the carrier finds himself within a few miles of home when his last letters have been delivered in the late afternoon or early evening.

The carriers are under the supervision of the second, third or fourth class post-



A CROSSROADS POSTOFFICE.

master from whose office they start daily. The rural carrier receives \$500 per annum and is required to furnish himself out of this with a horse and a vehicle, if one is required. As an accommodation to residents along the route carriers are allowed to deliver orders at the stores in town and to bring out and deliver small parcels under four pounds weight. For this work a reasonable sum is charged by the carrier, and a small additional source of revenue is thus afforded him.

Carriers are also allowed to deliver telegrams upon which a 2 cent stamp has been placed. It has been suggested that the government allow the carriers to act in the capacity as well of local road inspectors. For this they would receive additional compensation from local sources for a duty which would not interfere with their daily routine.

In some of the districts where the rural delivery is well under way the postmasters and carriers have been vying with each other to produce a perfect system. Thus, in Lafayette, Ind., each carrier has furnished himself with a special delivery wagon with "U. S. Mail, Rural Delivery Route No. —, Lafayette," painted on the front and sides. Each wagon has a sliding door at the side, with a glass front, and is fitted with pigeonholes, in which the carrier sorts his mail as he goes along. There is also a contrivance for heating the wagon in cold weather.

All the boxes along the routes are of galvanized iron, of uniform size, painted and closely resembling in appearance the regulation boxes used in cities and are nailed on posts of such height as to bring them to a level with the postal wagon. As he drives up alongside the box the carrier opens his sliding door and drops the mail in the box, at the same time raising a zinc signal which is riveted to the box. If there is any mail for him to collect, he finds the signal raised; if he has none to deliver in return, he turns the signal down. If the signal is not raised and he has no mail to deliver, he drives by without stopping.

The idea of rural free delivery is by no means new, but it is only of recent years that it has attained its present importance in this country. In 1894 \$10,000 was appropriated, but the postmaster general declined to use it. In 1895 the appropriation was \$20,000, and in 1896 it was \$50,000. The next appropriation was for \$150,000, then for \$450,000, and for the last fiscal year the high water mark of \$1,750,000 was reached. Friends of the measure tried to secure \$5,000,000 for the next fiscal year, but \$3,500,000 was the sum appropriated.

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WAGERS OF OTHER DAYS.

Old Stakes Were at Risk on Elections Held in the Past.
Betting on elections was as prevalent in the early days of the republic as it is at present. It is recorded that in a campaign between Federalists and Democrats a cask of ale was wagered on the result by two prominent men of Philadelphia. The terms were that the ale was to be drunk at the Blue Anchor tavern in Dock street, then a widely patronized inn. A fortnight after the election was held enough returns had come in to show the result, and the bet was paid. There was a good, old-fashioned jarboree at the ale drinking, and before the night was ended the whole party was in the hands of the night watch. The newspapers of the day got hold of the story and printed it, but after the fashion of those days no names were given, and also after the fashion of the day the little affair was referred to as "a brawl and affray," when in these days it would be called a case of "drunk and disorderly."

About 20 years ago Jay Gould put up a steamboat as a stake on an election. Whether the other party to the wager put up another steamboat or an equivalent in cash, real estate or railroad stocks and bonds is not recorded, but at any rate Mr. Gould won. Later he sold the steamboat he had wagered to an actor, who converted it into an excursion boat and got rich.

When George Francis Train, the eccentric, lived in Omaha some years ago, at the time when he was prominent in the building of the Union Pacific railroad, it came to pass that an election was scheduled. Mr. Train thought he knew how the election was going and to prove his courage made a wager that if his man was defeated he would wear a duck suit all the year round. Mr. Train's guess was bad, and he lost. He lived up to the letter of the bet, however, and for a whole winter, one of those Omaha winters, too, in which the thermometer takes sudden and unexpected dips to far below zero and blizzards come along overnight and freeze everything that is not actually on fire, he wore a white duck. There were those who said he violated the spirit of the bet by wearing half a dozen suits of underclothes under his white duck. But Mr. Train could stand criticism better than he could stand an attack of pneumonia and refused to abandon his warm underclothing.

They tell another story of an election bet in the blizzard country. It is to the effect that in 1888 Ezekiel Timrock of Hunnewell, Kan., made a bet in these terms: If Cleveland was defeated, he would join the church. Timrock was a gentleman with a reputation as a tough and a bad man generally. He had long scorned religion and cursed religionists. So his bet was a heavy one. Well, he lost. There were many who thought he would back out and compromise by giving the winner a big farm or something of the kind. But he didn't. He made application for membership in the church. It so happened, however, that the deacons knew the terms of the bet, and his application was blackballed. Timrock thought this released him, but the man who held the other end of the wager insisted that he had not paid up. Timrock considered that he was insulted, and promptly there was a shooting match. Both were equally quick on the trigger, and both were equally good shots, and the result was the death of both parties. The coroner summoned a jury, and when the inquest was over a verdict holding the church responsible because it rejected Timrock's application was returned.—Chicago Chronicle.

Words Never Fair Her.
"There is a certain woman in our town," said a Buffalo man, "who has the famous Mrs. Partington tied to a post. Her use, or rather misuse, of words has time and again resulted in her making the most extraordinary statements." For example, in speaking of one of the most popular members of her social circle, a young woman of great brilliancy of intellect, but unfortunately blessed with a superfluity of avoirdupois, she said of her: "Sallie Clark is such a nice girl. It's a pity her figure is so obtuse." She once said of a volume that had formerly belonged to the third president of the United States that it had imitations in Jefferson's own handwriting. But her crowning triumph was when she said that her mother had been forced to give up his hotel in an eastern Massachusetts town after suffering many vicissitudes of fortune because it was such a nefarious business.—New York Tribune.

Sleep the Best Rest.
A physician says that the cry of rest has always been louder than the cry for food; not that it is important, but it is often harder to obtain. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women, otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the best will be the most moral, healthy and efficient. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, peevishness and uneasiness. It will restore to vigor an overworked weary body. It will cure headache. It will help a broken spirit. It will assuage sorrow. Indeed, we might make a long list of nervous and other maladies that sleep will cure. The cure of sleeplessness requires a clean, good bed, sufficient exercise to produce weariness, pleasant occupation, good air and not too warm a room, a clear conscience and avoidance of stimulants and narcotics.

Cutting Sealskin.
A furrier is thus quoted in the Philadelphia Record: "The styles in sealskin coats change so often that women are constantly having them made over. Few men realize just what this means to us. Of course it means an increase in business, but I don't mean that. The cutting of sealskin is an art in itself, and the men who do it are experts and get experts' salaries. The work of a sealskin cutter must be almost as delicate as that of a diamond-cutter. This may sound like an exaggeration, but it isn't, at least, not so much as you might think. The slightest error on the part of the workman who is handling an expensive skin is nothing short of a catastrophe."

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TO RELIEVE SCHILLY

New York, April 2.—D. B. Woodward, assistant commissioner general of the United States to the Paris exposition, sailed this morning on the St. Louis. He goes over to close up the work of the United States commission. On the same vessel sailed Rear Admiral Bartlett J. Cromwell, who goes to relieve Rear Admiral Schley as commander of the South Atlantic squadron. He was accompanied by Lieut. Sypher, his flag officer. On the arrival of the St. Louis at Southampton they will sail on a Royal Mail steamship to Montevideo, where the squadron now is.

A LIFE AND DEATH FIGHT.
Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure from measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

NOTICE

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Asheville Auditorium Co. will be held at the Swannanoa Casino Monday, April 15 at 8 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of instructing the board of directors what course to take in regard to unpaid subscriptions, raising additional funds and increasing the capital stock, and such other instructions as may be necessary in this connection. By order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. S. POWELL, W. T. WEAVER,
Secretary and Treas.
Asheville, N. C., April 3, 1901.
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GLORIOUS NEWS.

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood-purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold all druggists. Guaranteed.

A Georgia jury recently brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the prisoner almost guilty."

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Click of the Bushmen.

In talking the bushmen give the impression of being in the transition stage, between the click and throat method, of conversing. Imagine the hollow, indistinct utterances such as proceed from a roofless mouth, relieved by numerous clicks, and you know as much of this language as I am able to give you. In 1896 a few of these people, copying the Malays, adopted the village system and cereal cultivation for the first time. The great bulk of them still exist on most primitive lines. They wander about the bush without cover, sleeping where they happen to be when the sun goes down and eating what they find, mainly roots, snakes and berries, as being easily acquired. In wet weather they place a piece of detached bark over their head and leave the rest of the body to look after itself.—Geographical Journal.

Setting the Trouble.

First Lady Passenger—If that window isn't opened this minute, I know I shall die.
Second Ditto—Who opened that window? If it is not shut, I shall die, I'm sure.
Philosophical Gentleman—Conductor, please keep that window open till one of these ladies dies; then shut it and give the other an opportunity to quit this vale of tears.—Boston Transcript.

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BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE.

In the matter of James Rideout, bankrupt, in Bankruptcy.
To the Honorable James E. Boyd, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina:
James Rideout, of Highlands, in the County of Macon, State of North Carolina, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 25th day of February, 1901, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the Court touching his Bankruptcy.
Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Bankrupt Act, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.
Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1901.

JAMES RIDEOUT, Bankrupt.
Henry G. Robertson, Attorney for Petitioner.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Western District of North Carolina, ss.—
On this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1901, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—
Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1901, before said court at Hendersonville, in said district, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Asheville Gazette, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.
And it is further ordered by the court that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.
Witness the Honorable James E. Boyd, judge of said court, and the seal thereof, at Asheville, in the district, on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1901.
C. B. MOORE,
Clerk.

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