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THE LADIES ARE INSISTENT.

The question of the degree of progressiveness which may be ascribed to President Taft, and whether, if he is a progressive at all, he has been consistent in that role, is now bothering the women folk, as well as the men. This is a matter of moment in some of the western States, where women vote, and will participate in the presidential election. Politically speaking, the charge is that President Taft has tried to be all things to all women. Ida Husted Harper, a woman suffrage advocate, writing of the recent election in California, where the suffragists won a notable victory, thus treats the subject of Mr. Taft's attitude toward universal suffrage:

Many of the suffragists at the Cooper Union convention felt that Mrs. Stanton Hatch's attack on President Taft did not take sufficient account of his "progressive" tendencies. No doubt the Presidential office was turned over to him with rigid instructions not to do or say anything which would disrupt the party, and not understanding political machines, he tried at first to steer carefully. In his "welcome" to the National Suffrage convention, which Mrs. Hatch objected to, the reference to "hot-tentacles" in connection with the demand of women for the franchise, and the doubt that all the "intelligent" women would use it, was exactly the same kind of a "break" as Mr. Taft made when he declared the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill the best ever passed. He was trying to keep on the safe side and not hurt his party, but as soon as he heard from the voters of the country he began "progressing" until now he can hardly wait till congress meets to use a club on that peerless bill.

It is precisely the same way with suffrage for women, now that about a million of them actually possess it, when on his present tour he reached Washington, where women vote, he was ready with an interview in which he said: "I want the women of this country to have the full right of suffrage as soon as they all desire it." Of course not all women any more than all men ever agreed on any subject since the world began, and if the suffrage is a "right" then even a large majority should not be allowed to keep it from even a small minority, but the point is that all doubts as to the "intelligent" women had vanished. "If you use your vote wisely," he said, "then, of course, all over the country we will follow you." A little hard on the women of those other four States where they have been voting from 15 to 42 years without the rest of the country evincing any desire to follow—but still showing progress.

Then Mr. Taft went down into Oregon, where the women can't vote and there he wobbled, saying to the masculine part of his audience: "You have not brought your State to suffrage for women, and I don't know whether you are going to, but I don't know that it makes very much difference for I have no doubt that you exercise just as much control over your men as if they had the vote." The Oregon men evidently have a good deal of doubt or they would not have defeated a woman suffrage amendment five times. But wasn't this a cold douche for the Oregon women who are going to make the struggle again next year—that all they wanted a vote for was to control the men?

Mr. Taft reached California just as the women there had gained the victory, the greatest ever won for woman suffrage in this country; but all he was reported as saying was "I won't do for you to say 'We will not go down to these awful polls where those awful persons stand around you have got to become a part of those awful people and make them better.' As tens of thousands of California women had been working a whole year for the privilege of going to those 'awful polls' and as those 'awful persons' had just voted to give them this privilege, Mr. Taft's warning seemed rather related to my the least.

Now doesn't it seem strange that a President could not rise to the dignity and importance of a situation like this, especially when before and after his election he never hesitated to declare himself in favor of suffrage for women and has said publicly, "I look no secret of the fact that I agree with the principle entirely?"

The ladies, it seems, are going to insist on Mr. Taft taking a stand, once and for all, on the palpitating question: "Are Women People?" If Mr. Taft does look upon the ladies as real people, endowed with sufficient intelligence, and having the inclination, to aid in conducting the affairs of State, then they are insisting that he take a stand that may be understood both in States where woman suffrage has been adopted, and in States where a majority of the voters still look with disapproval upon the idea.

The situation seems to be that Mr. Taft has encountered a good deal of opposition from both the progressives and standpatners, and now the ladies are declining to smile upon him with favor.

CAUTION—FROM PITTSBURG!

J. Gordon Ogden, Ph. D., on the authority of Popular Mechanics, a monthly magazine published in Chicago, is professor of physics in the Fifth Avenue High school of Pittsburgh, Pa. He has been writing a series of articles on "The Kingdom of Dust" for the Chicago publication, and in last month's installment he said:

Unfortunately, the chosen places of the earth, climatically speaking, such as Denver and Asheville, where the natural conditions are most favorable for patients suffering from tuberculosis, have become hot-beds for the growth and dissemination of this disease. By every train suffers come to these places, and congregate in a comparatively narrow area. Every swirl of dust in these centers of infection carries more germs than are to be found anywhere else, and it is almost a miracle when anyone recovers in these nurseries of germs, the conditions, other than climatic, being so adverse.

The chief interest in this lies in the presumptive ignorance that may lurk under a doctor of philosophy title and in the reflection, what a vast amount of mischief goes along with the blessings of a free press, and the ability of anyone to break into print at will.

This man does not know that the actual contraction of tuberculosis in the Asheville section is so rare as to amount to a condition of practical immunity; he does not know that the percentage of recoveries in cases where constitutional conditions, nourishment and habits of life warrant medical science in labeling them "possible" is very high, and this most deadly of diseases; if a recovery were "almost a miracle" few cases, of any sort, would recover; there would be a high percentage of those who contracted the disease, if not among natives, certainly amongst well people of all sorts who come here in thousands from all parts of the United States. This is a case of simple ignorance, inexcusable in a man who undertakes to convey general instruction.

He evidently does not know, further, that Asheville has taken measures of precaution against this disease and others so advanced, so thorough, as to warrant the confident assertion of its citizens that there is no place on earth where the health of the non-infected is safer. It is the business of Asheville to make known these facts to the world, and Dr. Ogden's ignorance of them may be excusable, inasmuch as he has not been informed by Asheville.

A degree of common sense, however, to say nothing of the reasoning ability that is supposed to be possessed by an educated man, should have saved this Pittsburgher from that unfortunate combination of "the chosen places of the earth, climatically speaking," and "hot-beds of growth and dissemination." Is this a disease of rare type, cases of which are congregated at Asheville and Denver? It is a disease that furnishes a great proportion of the sickness in death in every community; it is especially prevalent in urban communities. When there are many people engaged in indoor pursuits; tenement dwellers, those who do manual labor in crowded places, with impure air, bearing irritating dust and smoke; people engaged in short-lived occupations; wage-earners who, being poorly paid, are not well nourished; where there is congestion and hardship, poverty, ignorance and filth—such a place and every such place is a hot-bed indeed for the tuberculosis germ; and the most intelligent, scientific and thorough safeguards can hardly render it otherwise, especially without favoring climatic conditions.

Such a place as Pittsburgh, for instance.

It has been observed that William Randolph Hearst has showed a great deal of magnanimity in his references to the late Joseph Pulitzer, since the World, and the World cartoonists, have dealt rather severely with Hearst. The last cartoon of this kind was probably the best. As the political world is aware, Hearst recently left the Independence League, his own creature, to its own devices, and returned to the Democratic fold. Macaulay, the cartoonist, pictured Hearst as Hamlet, but with the customary lemon head, and in his hand was placed a skull bearing the words "Independence League." The picture bore the caption, "Alas, Poor Yorick, I Knew Him."

Hearing that the peach tree, or some of them, in China's cove are in blossom reminded Postmaster Rollins that 25 years ago this autumn peaches in this section generally blossomed—a thing that has not occurred since. Of course the fruit was small, and there

was a total failure of the crop following year, for, said Maj. Rollins, the peach bloom and the peach, within it are "made" one year for the next, and all the blossom has to do when spring comes is to open. The same is true of the acorn; whereas the apple and the chestnut wait until spring to start the immediate process of getting ready to bloom.

"Many towns are agitating the matter of a license for automobile drivers with the idea of course of shutting out the incompetents. But isn't it a fact that most of the serious accidents occur to machines that are supposed to have expert drivers, or rather men employed for that business?" asks the Durham Herald. This is a class of "expert drivers" that the license system will weed out.

The most overrated table product of the harvest-home season is the pumpkin. Pumpkin is good cov provender and makes acceptable pie if the taste is properly disguised.

A PERSIAN FAIRY TALE.

(Fabricated for the Century by Madge C. Jenison.)

Long, long ago, in those days when men were yet at times the victims of fraud and treachery, a man had a wife named Kadijah. The bonds of Hymen had not long been tied before Kadijah proved herself a frightful scold. Day and night her tongue ran as slick as a fiddle-stick, and always out of tune. Life with her became shortly so unbearable that the man took her by the hair of her head and cast her into a well-hole.

For a day he enjoyed sweet peace, and then there arose from the pit such a commotion as brought the man running to the edge.

"Alas," cried a piteous voice from the darkness.

The man seated himself easily on the edge of the pit; the voice was not Kadijah's.

"What's up?" he inquired with interest.

The voice grew high, and shrill with excitement.

"It's me. It's a dragon. Have pity, I beseech you. Rescue me! I am alone with a dreadful creature who harangues me day and night."

"Oh, that!" interrupted the man. "That's only a scold. That's Kadijah," and he went on about his business.

The dragon did not cease for many days to implore help; but the man, from being deceived in a wife, had grown wary, and thought a well as good a plea for a dragon as any.

At length the dragon promised that if it were released it would make the man grand vizier of the kingdom.

"But how can you do that?" said the man, who believed himself adapted to high life.

"I will place myself at the gate of the king's palace," said the dragon, "and I will devour all those who go out and those who come in. Then will the king issue a proclamation which will promise the man who rides the hand of its affliction the hand of his daughter, in marriage, and the staff of his grand vizier. When you hear the proclamation, you can come, and I will go away."

The man was much pleased with this plan, and he hastened to pull the dragon from the pit. Everything happened as the dragon prophesied; the man became grand vizier; he had the princess for his bride; and his fame as a magician went through the land.

It was not difficult to conduct a magician business; until the third moon his prosperity continued. Then he was summoned in hot haste to the court of a neighboring king.

"Oh, my lord, the forever!" said the courier from the neighboring kingdom. "A dragon has seated itself at the gate of my lord's palace, and devours without ceasing all those who go forth and those who enter in. What may be done? Thy great name, oh, most excellent, has no power, and at its sound the monster licks its lips as if it hungered for your bones."

The man was at his wit's end. If he went, he judged that the dragon would do no less than make an end of him, and his princess would be left a widow. If he refused to go, the magician business would be bankrupt, and some one else would become grand vizier. After much thought, he hit upon a plan. Seating himself upon a snow-white palfrey, he gathered about him enough retinue to make himself imposing, and rode away to the neighboring kingdom. The dragon saw the retinue from afar off and began to spit fire in a most disconcerting manner. And when it saw the man seated upon the snow-white palfrey, it belloved until the earth shook with an alay, and fell upon him with an alay of the keenest relish.

"Stop!" cried the man, nonchalantly lighting cigarette at the dragon's breath. "I have let Kadijah out of the well-hole, and she is coming this way as fast as she can."

"Is she a good runner?" asked the dragon.

"She is," replied the man, whereupon the dragon fell back hastily.

After a moment, the man removed his cigarette, and used his hands for a speaking trumpet. "If I hear where you are, I'll send her your way," he shouted.

Moral: Some men have the ability to use their misfortunes as stepping-stones to success.

The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1912.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$1.75) is paid for 1912, a beautiful Calendar for the new year. The cover picture reproduces a water-color painting of a bit of New England coast, giving a glimpse of breeze-swept ocean, of smiling sky, of warm, sunny rocks, which will come like a breath of salt air to those who have once lived near the sea, and to those whose whole life has been passed inland. The picture being in sight colors, the tones of the original are faithfully reproduced.

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EIGHT BOYS CONVICTED OF BREAKING VEHICLES

Were Celebrating Hallow'e'n and Were Unfortunate—Now Under Probation.

The time of Judge Adams in Police court was taken up mainly this morning in the settlement of the Hallow'e'n troubles, caused Tuesday night by a crowd of boys, who were arrested yesterday. The charge against them was the malicious destruction of personal property and those who were arraigned for the night's pastime were: Wiley and Herman Owens, Bascom James, Jesse Sprouse, Fred and Vernon Stewart, Clayton Fox and Willie Bryson.

The evidence in the case was furnished mostly by two other boys who had been along and who were made state's witnesses. They told how some of the boys had pushed a delivery wagon owned by Mr. Foster down an embankment, and other boys had put the finishing touches on the destruction of a carriage on French Broad avenue. Each boy was given a chance to tell his side of the matter, and all of them, except one, admitted being connected with one or the other of the affairs, but insisted that they did not mean to break anything. It seemed, however, that a cruel fate was against them and everything they touched disintegrated. Mr. Foster said that they had even knocked down a 200 foot clothesline with the week's wash on it, which landed in the branch, causing further damage.

The one who maintained that he had nothing to do with the affair was Fred Stewart, who said he was 10 years old. He told his end of it without any stage fright, however, when it came his turn. When questioned by Judge Adams he insisted that he had never been in trouble before. He was adjudged not guilty.

The others ranged in age from 11

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to 17 years and were all turned over to the probation officer, and all, except Herman Owens, were likewise required to pay the costs. Clayton Fox was the largest of the crowd, and it was brought out that he had been in considerable trouble before, and the court stated that after the probation officer had given them a trial and should find that he couldn't manage him, he would try a more severe punishment. All of them were advised by the court to get together and pay for the damage they had done, as it might help them considerably in case they should ever be up for anything again.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Waynesville, N. C., Nov. 1, 1911.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company in Asheville, North Carolina, as provided in the By-Laws, on Monday, November 13, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors; also for the purpose of changing the date of meeting to the first Wednesday following the second Tuesday in January. If you are unable to be present personally, will you have the kindness to sign the attached proxy in blank, that the same may be voted by a proper representative at the meeting.

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