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A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

(Suggested by the late inquiry.)
Do you know of anyone who knows anyone who don't know where to get a drink of liquor in this town when he wants it?

Aristocrats and Tramps.
What is the difference between the aristocratic pauper and the tramps, between the few who are real parasites, who have begged the labor products and stolen millions, and the man who begs enough to eat? Why are we so anxious to bring the tramp to justice and leave the other who can count his millions and has produced nothing except misery and parasitism in others? Civilization is parasitic. Even our most exalted philanthropists who endow universities, libraries and churches, are destroying the moral life of the world because such endowments are parasitical in all their nature.

If we want men free, if we want men self-sustaining, self-respecting, we must have a just civilization. We should have learned that a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. If we have a civilization based on equity, fraternity, liberty, then common life will supply its wants, it will build its own libraries and museums, it will do away with that monstrous habit of endowing institutions with the stolen fruits of a fellow man's labor.—George D. Herron.

"Uncle Mose, de Judge has just come

to co't with snow all over his back an' shoulders."

"You's an ignerant chile; you'll never make an artil; dat wasn't snow; dat was whitewash."

Who Will Rule Under Socialism?
The whole people. Socialism is known as social or industrial democracy. While it is sometimes said that the workers will rule, it must be remembered for anyone who is able to work to live without work; therefore, all will then become workers, and all will rule. Democracy in industry involves the rulership of industry by the people. Now it is ruled by capitalists and the people to the competent, not from masters to the people that are chosen by them. This disposes of the old idea that socialism will be a bossism and that a few men will have power to keep any they may wish from sharing its benefits.

Judge—You are charged with being drunk; are you guilty or not guilty?
Prisoner—Well, your honor, I just can't say.

Judge—Don't you remember how many drinks you took? Don't you know how drunk you were?

Prisoner—Well, your honor, I was just about as drunk as you were when you made a speech on the street the other night.

Judge—Discharged.
Votes for Families.
Prof. Thomas C. Hall of Union the-

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ological seminary is seriously advocating a vote for every man, woman and child. He would have minor children voted by the parents, the mother voting for the girl and the father for the boy. His idea is that this would encourage family life and give the working class even greater political power than it has today.

They Laughed.
Mary Katharine Reely in The Survey. It was ten o'clock on the downtown streets. They seemed strangely deserted; for the stores were closed, late shoppers and loiterers had gone home and the theater crowds were yet housed inside, absorbed in their evening amusement.

Then little darkness there came a startling sound—the sound of women's laughter. A dark mass, like a small army, came down the street—women. They were black-garbed, old—past youth at least. They wore queer, small hats, and each carried a bundle loosely wrapped in newspaper.

They cut the corner, and scurried—like a flock of sheep, perhaps, that follow a leader; or rate, perhaps, that flee a building (only they were going in)—across the open street to the great building that loomed on the opposite corner. Some time between the hour of the departure of the last lingering worker and that of the arriving of the morning's first comers, this huge building must be gone over, cleaned and put in order.

The scrubwomen were going to work—and they went laughing!

Yea, verily, women's place is the home! Women must be sheltered, protected! Womanhood is sacred! Motherhood is divine. Woman's hands must be kept unsoiled, her shoulders free from burdens!

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Within a very few weeks there have been a series of happenings in a far separated lands that show a deep and common cause.

The treasury department of the United States issued a report showing that the national debts of the world now reach the staggering sum of over \$44,000,000,000. Most of this has been incurred for war or preparations for war.

Today, in a time of almost universal peace, the world is spending more for war than in the midst of the Napoleonic holocaust, or during the great American civil war.

Winston-Churchill, frightened at the staggering weight of military preparations, hrew out the request to the nations of the world for an armistice of a year in this battle of dollars—a naval holiday, during which the backs of the nations might be straightened from the crushing weight of this peaceful warfare.

The Italian people used the weapon of universal suffrage for the first time, and used it to deliver a staggering rebuke to the war madness of their rulers.

The Wilson Administration endorsed the suggestion for a breathing space from the murderous struggle of armaments, and a resolution to that effect was introduced in congress.

On the same day a French ministry was overthrown on the question of granting special favors to those who furnish the money for the new army scheme. A few days before a German court had reluctantly placed the seal of verification upon the testimony gathered by the socialist, Karl Liebknecht, revealing that the real power behind this mad race toward universal self-conquest, plunder and bankruptcy by modern nations, is the profit seeking international armament trust.

Finally in Germany again, the great nation where Mars has become the official god of the ruling class, the army is denounced and the government censured by the overwhelming vote of 293 to 54.

These are signs that the military bubble is about to burst, that the uprising of the workers against war has reached a point where it can begin to count its victories.

The foris and dradnoughts, great cannon and machine guns, are silently crushing those who hoped to use them to defend their own plundering power.—Victor L. Berger.

Compensation When Quarantined.

Who's running Asheville, the moneyed class—the nice people—or the citizens of the city? It looks as if the former does, to me. The joint board of health, last Friday night week, listened very attentively to one of their class when he offered amendments to the quarantine ordinance, and consulted with him regarding changes before passing it, but when a representative of the working class arose and demanded compensation for any worker quarantined by the city, he was given scant attention, and one member of the board even left the room.

Let us see what class the board of aldermen is composed. The mayor, we all know, as a bonier. There is one other banker on the board, one lawyer, two insurance men living from the properties of the city, one bookkeeper working for a wealthy business man, one retail grocer, one wholesale merchant, and one aristocrat of the labor world.

This was the body which sat as a court of impeachment and white-washed Judge Adams. This was the body that did not know that liquor was being sold in the barrel in three prominent places in the city, until the Carter investigation. And how quick their tiger "possums" dropped to the ground when the Judge's dogs began barking.

Besides those mentioned, the joint board of health is made up of five well-to-do physicians. This is the board which turned down an amendment to pay a citizen for time lost through being quarantined. Here was a simple demand made in the interest of the workers, any one knows, the justice of which is unquestioned. Only two or three would pay any attention to the plea of the workers, and one alderman very gravely stated that it was class legislation. Is not the mayor paid when he is sick? Does not the salary of the aldermen go on when they are sick or out of the city? Are not the police paid when sick or off duty? In fact is there an employe on an officer holding a public trust in the city or county who does not

get pay when sick or off duty? I will venture the assertion and defy contradiction that they do get paid whether sick or out of the city. One alderman stated that it would bankrupt the city. Bosh! Do the police bankrupt the city when protecting the lives and property of the citizens? Does the street committee bankrupt the city when it pays one-third of the paving? Does the light committee bankrupt the city when it lights the streets of Asheville? Does the sanitary committee bankrupt the city when it keeps the city clean and healthful? No! And the small amount the workers ask when quarantined will not bankrupt the city. The trouble is, our city fathers place the dollar before justice to the workers of Asheville, and if it were not for the workers they would not be holding the positions they now hold.

We, the workers, demand that when you take our time by quarantine law, that you pay us for the time you take. It is for the benefit of the whole people; let the whole people pay for it. Unless this is done, we doubt very much whether you can legally take our property (which is our labor) without due compensation, and we propose to stand on our rights. Our time is all most of us have in this world, and we will not stand for your to take all we have without due compensation. You must provide a way to meet this question. It is up to you, not us.

We do not want charity; we want simple justice and no more. We do not oppose progress; you have progressed, but have not progressed far enough to suit us. We propose that every citizen of Asheville shall understand this question, and we are sure they will get justice in this matter, and many other wrongs that is foisted upon them. Father time will right all wrongs, and he will not wait long before he will right the wrongs of the people. B. T. T.

The Spirit of Winter

The Spirit of winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scornful and developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

LIVERPOOL OUTGROWS LONDON IN TRADE

London, Jan. 10.—London has a task cut out for itself to hold its own in the export and import trade. During the year of 1912 Liverpool showed a much more rapid growth in this business than did the metropolis, although London still led by \$59,000,000. The trade through Liverpool amounted to over \$1,876,000, excluding coastwise goods, showing an increase of \$185,000,000, while London during the same time showed an increase of only \$75,000,000. London suffered a severe setback through strikes and lack of port facilities. The port of London authorities are now spending millions in the improvement of the docks in the hope of inducing the steamship companies to send their larger freight steamers here.

SAFETY CONTRIVANCE FOR MINES IS TESTED

Berlin, Jan. 10.—In accordance with Emperor William's wishes the minister of commerce has ordered that 100 "fire-damp safety whistles" be tried out in the coal mines of the Ruhr and Saar districts. His decision follows a long discussion and test of the new invention at an assembly of mining experts. The whistles give a peculiar sound when a sufficient amount of carbon monoxide gas mingles with the ordinary atmosphere. In experiments before the assembly a mixture of as little as 1.7 per cent of the poisonous gas was recorded by the whistle, and 10 per cent produced a tone which could be heard across the large assembly halls. Experts who have tested the new contrivance in mines reported that its tone had been heard in straight passages at a distance of 100 yards.

AMERICAN MOTOR CAR IN ICELAND

London, Jan. 10.—An American automobile which was recently taken into Iceland marks a new era for that country. Not excepting the railroads, of which there are none yet in Iceland, the American car is the first self-propelled vehicle ever seen on the island. Iceland is one of the most ancient, highly organized and civilized communities in the world, but on account of the physical aspects of the country the inhabitants expected to see an aeroplane before they ever saw a motor car.

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