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The Falling Leaves

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TRUSTS
Dividing the People of America Into Masters and Slaves—Business in the Hands of a few

A few weeks ago Hon. Hazen S. Pingree, Governor of Michigan, made a speech in Cooper Union Hall in New York which attracted much attention. Gov. Pingree said in part:

"There is no more important problem before the people today than the 'trust,' and what to do with it. Is it a menace to our commercial institutions? Does it imperil our national life and character? Should it be made a legal outlaw or merely be regulated by law?"

"Can the problem be solved with equal justice to capital and labor? Are the dangers from 'trusts' magnified? Do the public men of the country understand their seriousness? Is the solution of the problem a matter for political parties to undertake? These and many other questions are being asked.

"Like all questions, it has two sides, and both must be fairly stated. It cannot be solved by denunciations on the part of those who believe in drastic measures.

"On the other hand, the manipulators or managers of 'trusts' cannot quiet the public clamor by looking on with a 'what are you going to do about it' attitude.

INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM DEMANDED.

The Christian religion given the world by the man of Nazareth has given mankind spiritual freedom. The emancipation proclamation gave man physical freedom. Industrial freedom is now demanded by nine tenths of the world's population. America, freer of the negro slave, is looked to for the solution of the last great problem.

"The 'trust' creates conditions more serious than any our people have ever faced, slavery and secession alone excepted. It is fraught with more consequences to the nation than the question of expansion and foreign policy arising out of the recent Spanish-American war.

"It may suit the plans of some people to push the trust into the background and treat the problem of imperialism and expansion as the only issue of the day, but ignoring the industrial evil means either shielding the trusts or planning to profit politically by an artificial enthusiasm over war and new possessions.

"The trust of the present day is technically not a combination of many corporations. It is one huge corporation, which has absorbed the property of many corporations and individuals, too. The corporations whose property it has swallowed have dissolved, gone out of existence.

DODGING THE LAW.

"In this the trust of today seeks to avoid the anti-trust law. Its managers claim that it is not a combination. It is not organized to restrain trade. "How can it be?" they say. "We are merely one corporation. The field is open to others."

"Of course, it must be admitted that the trust of today is the same as the trust of yesterday in its purpose and effect. But it has dodged the letter of the law. It is, perhaps, no longer a combination, technically speaking. Nevertheless it is, by force of its immense capital and resources a monopoly. No individual or small corporation can compete with it. It is a monopoly, in fact, and should be dealt with as such. It may not be a monopoly in the eye of the law. But at any rate it should be illegal as being against public policy.

"It is instructive to note how useless the anti-trust laws have been. They have been enacted in 25 states. Twenty states have no anti-trust laws. In only four states have serious attempts been made to enforce them, that is in Ohio, Missouri, New York and Texas.

VICTIMS OF THE TRUST.

"As soon as a trust is organized it immediately executes a mortgage on its property and issues bonds, usually equal to the amount of its stock. The stock and bonds are given in liberal amounts to the promoters and fi-

nancier and distributed among the stockholders of the same companies which have transferred their property to the trust. The balance is sold at low prices, and the proceeds used to pay the debts of the small corporations, to purchase new machinery and to start the trust on its road to ruin. It is plain to the dullest of us that 'this process means immense quantities of 'water' in the stock and bonds of the trust. But what do the promoter and financier care about that? The ones who suffer are the innocents who purchase the securities as investments and the men and women who are thrown out of employment by the closing of factories made necessary by the economy (?) of the trust management.

Eventually the wages of the employed are reduced and the consumer pays a tribute in high prices in order that dividends and interest may be paid to the owners of the heavy watered stock and bonds of the trust.

"Hark! as it may sound, the trust will divide the people of this country into sharply different classes, masters and slaves.

"The tendency of the trust is to place all business in the hands of a few men, whose only ability lies in the power to make money. All employes will be subject to them, and they will be treated as tools, to do the bidding of their mercenary masters.

CRUSHING INDEPENDENCE.

"It needs no prophet or philosopher to predict what effect this will have—indeed, it is already having—upon the independence of the people. Men cannot be machines and free men at the same time.

"There is something to live for besides accumulating wealth. But without commercial independence, without manliness and fair play in business, there is little hope for the higher development of the people.

"Not the least of the benefits to come from the destruction of 'trust' will be the purifying to a great degree of our legislative bodies.

"I believe that the 'trust' problem should not be made the football of politicians and political parties. I think all parties should make common war against it.

"The figures which I receive from Secretary of State show beyond question that practically all of the trusts are organized under the laws of New Jersey and New York—a very small proportion in New York.

"We all know that most of the trusts are conceived in New York, because capital is concentrated there, but it seems that they cross the river to New Jersey to get a licence to live.

CURE FOR THE EVIL.

"Do not think that I am prejudiced if I suggest that these trust evils might be cured if all the other states should extend an invitation to New Jersey to secede from the Union. This, however, will be embarrassing just now. Our Vice President and Attorney-General are both citizens of New Jersey.

"I am confident that the people of the United States who are suffering from the operations of the trust would raise no objection if New Jersey should comply with such an invitation. I am all so satisfied that a large part of the evil result from trusts would no longer exist if states, and especially New Jersey, did not grant such liberal charters.

"I believe that Government and municipal ownership and operation of railroads, street railways, gas, electric light, water and other public utilities will help solve the problems which arise from the encroachments of corporate capital.

"I would not have public ownership extend to anything else, because we cannot afford to discourage or stifle private enterprise.

"State supervision and limitation of corporations will do much to rid the country of the trust evil. It can at least prevent the watering of stock and the creation of excessive bonded indebtedness.

"A vigorous expression of public sentiment in all the states will bring the proper answer from

the Courts.

"This subject of the proper regulation or prevention of the trust is a very serious one. It must be dealt with in a spirit of respect for property rights. On the other hand, sacred justice must compel us to regard the interests of the humblest citizen of the states.

"Above all let us remember that Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are infinitely more important to the welfare of our country than the interests of incorporated wealth of all its people."

Say "Thank You"

Most people will acknowledge what they call favors by some such words as "Thank you;" but are there not many services that are paid for and rendered as your due, which can be lifted from the lower plane of drudgery and made beautiful as friendly ministries by kindly acknowledgments? Money can buy hand services, but only love can gain heart service. Clerks in stores, waiters in hotels, policemen at crossings, are of the people who are constantly giving attention to you for wages but to the larger share of them grateful words and smiles of recognition are as pleasant as cups of cold water in a desert. They serve the genial friend, who returns courteous words for service with a feeling of gladness, free from all sense of obligation. They are waiting upon friends.

A pretty illustration of the light which kind words can throw over routine tasks occurred lately.

A milkman had just left the customary can of milk at a kitchen door. He went from house to house and seldom saw any one with whom to exchange a word; even directions as to amount and calls would be in writing. But at this particular door a little girl saw him leave the milk, and quickly she had the door open, and as quickly her pleasant voice was calling to the man:

"Mr. Milkman! Mr. Milkman! Thank you for bringing the nice milk for us every morning!"

The man's face flushed at first as though somebody had accused him of a fault, then kindled with honest delight as he answered heartily:

"And thank you for your kind words."—Young People's Weekly.

Factories Help the Farmers

Apprehension has been expressed that the growing manufacturing interests will tend to the disadvantage of the farming interests of the South. Observation of facts do not prove such to be the case, but show a contrary result. The population engaged in manufactures becomes customers of farmers for their crops of food stuffs. These markets for perishable products become of great advantage to farmers, and the improvement in farming interests are readily noticeable in the vicinity of manufacturing towns. Of course, more work is required, but the work raising fruits, vegetables, chickens, eggs, milk and butter and taking these to the factory villages, where markets are found, is not by any means disagreeable work. This can all usually be done by a thrifty farmer without materially interfering with the production of the usual cotton crop. It would seem as if manufacturers benefit the neighboring farmers in about as large proportion as they do those owning stock in them or engaged in operating them.—Charlotte Observer.

A Pernicious Grumbling Habit

Do not let your child acquire the habit of grumbling. Stop the first beginnings and it will never become a habit. If there is just cause of complaint, try to remedy it; if there is no possibility of improvement, teach that silent endurance is the best way to meet the inevitable. It is never wise to stay in a place and grumble. If the things you dislike can not be altered, change your environments. If on reflection you decide that, balancing one thing with another you would rather bear the ills you know than fly to others that you know not of, bear them in silence.—Normal Instructor.

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"Here's a dime—I'll change with you," said a young woman standing by.

"Oh thank you," said the little one gratefully. "I ran all the way to get mamma's mail in time and it would have been too late if I had had to go back."

"How thoughtful that was," I said to myself. "How few people, comparatively, would have bothered to do that for a child; and yet how little it costs—and how much it often means."

A little later in the day, it so chanced that I met again the young woman of whom I had spoken. It was at a restaurant at the noon hour, in a hurried, crowded throng.

"Dear me, isn't it warm!" sighed a flushed, nervous looking girl near me, to her companion.

"Won't you take this fan?" said a sweet voice. I looked, and lo! the speaker was the angel of the stamp! I was very much interested in the young woman by this time, and encensing myself comfortably in my corner took more time to my meal than was necessary, in order to observe her.

I did not have long to wait to see another proof of her kindness and consideration.

"This is the last order of Indian pudding," said one of the waiters to a pale, poorly dressed girl, as she set down a steaming plate before her neighbor, the young woman whom I was observing.

"Oh, dear!" murmured the girl disappointedly.

"Won't you take this? I would exactly as soon have something else for dessert." Quick as a flash the dish of pudding was transferred.

"That young woman is worth her weight in gold," I said to myself as I rose to go. "I wonder when I shall ever see her again."

It was months before I did see her again. This time it was at a reception. I wondered whether she would be able to any kindly act in such a formal gathering, and observed her closely. It was not ten minutes before I saw her talking to a shy, unattractive looking girl in a corner, and introducing her to her friends. Nor was this all I noted. As I left I heard her saying something to the soloist of the afternoon, to which the reply was, "You tell me that you have enjoyed my singing. I want to tell you how much I have appreciated your telling me so!" The sparkling eyes and animated face attested the appreciation.

These three brief occasions were all upon which I ever saw "the angel of the stamp," and yet how fraught they were with acts of friendliness and consideration! At the end of such a life how manifold must be the good deeds placed to the account.

The giving of ourselves because we can no more help giving that the flower can help unfolding its petals, or the rose exhaling its fragrance, that is Christless, indeed; it is the most potent of all levers for bringing about that blessed day, to which the whole creation moves.—Ex.

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Yours truly, C. T. LEWIS.

Paris, Tenn., January 20th, 1898.

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