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tion of wealth except skill and training. We have every variety of material to work on in agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising, mining, commerce and manufactures. We have abundant labor to work with, but we lack skill and training to make our work efficient.

change; otherwise we shall remain Europe as well. It is a very simple we shall be ground to powder by the declaring the danger which lies in us industrial training is an absolute methods of curbing them. Presinecessity. Our boys and girls should dent Hadley of Yale suggests that be sent to school under a compulsory the heads of these trusts are im educational law. The school term proper men, who should be socially should be increased to at least five ostracized. But this idea is evidently months a year. A better class of not fully shared by all college presiteachers should be secured by an in- dents, because in the "Mail and Exshould be arranged, of a practical headlines reading this way : "Brown nature, looking as far as possible to- Alumnæ Dine. President Faunce ward agricultural and mechanical Makes an Address on the University. chanical College for boys and the Pays a High Tribute to Andrew Normal and Industrial School for Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller." girls should be provided with sufficient dormitories, recitation rooms, quoted as saying, "can make money machinery and other equipment to but money cannot make brains. One accommodate all the boys and girls of the greatest problems of the day that will come to them. Let these is presented by the inequality of things be done and North Carolina wealth. I begrudge no man his in another generation will take her twenty or thirty millions a year

#### By John Brisben Walker, in Cosmopolitan Magazine-(Published by permission). Very curious have been the many expressions on the subject of the trusts during the past year. quarterly dividend of twenty mil-

THE TRUSTS AND THE END.

lions of dollars for the Standard O. Company, and nearly forty-two mil-New England and the Middle lion dollars profits for one member States early learned that wealth of the steel trust-Mr. Carnegie's comes from handling the finished end of it-for one year are facts product instead of the raw material. sufficiently surprising to startle even North Carolina during all the years the deaf and dumb. Either of these of her poverty has handled only the fortunes continued at this rate would raw material, selling it to others to shortly gather to itself all the wealth gain the profit that comes from the of the United States and shortly finished product. There must be a thereafter might command that of poor forever. Worse than this, we problem in arithmetic. Nearly all shall become too poor even to live; sorts and conditions of men unite in relentless and irresistible forces of the trusts, and the most delightful modern industrial competition. To suggestions are made regarding the crease of pay. Courses of study press" of February 17th we have pursuits. The Agricultural and Me- Doctor Schurman Also Speaks; He "Brains," Doctor Schurman is

commerce. Mr. Rockefeller is right, by the trusts. It is the trend of the times; it is bringing accurate thinkbear upon the great problems of production. The advantages of this process have now been so well learncan never stop. Its formulas must be applied to every process of life economy. The President Hadleys manage for the benefit of all. and the advocates of publicity might as well fix this thing in their minds that they are crude and stupid and first as last. What we call the trusts corrupt and will not manage well. are simply the latest development of Perhaps. Undoubtedly the manageorganization of the methods of production. Because mankind at large economy of management the manhas refused to study these problems of organization and a few individuals economy is not the sole purpose have mastered the science, those few

fits. It is not part of this discussion to here go into the methods under which those organizations have been fostered by national legislation. It is a mere incident of the situation. Four chief points present themselves, and only four :--

individuals are reaping all the bene-

First. The trusts are in the direction of scientific organization of the methods of production.

Second. Nearly all the benefits of these magnificent organizations now go to a few individuals.

Third. It is contrary to the best interests of the public and dangerous to a republinan form of government that these profits should continue to accumulate in such enormous percentages.

Fourth. How are we going to bring the benefits of scientific organization

denominated a republic tempered by Mr. Carnegie is right, when they say the use of money at the polls, up that the world at large is benefited against the question of the distribution of wealth. Let it go on upon present lines, and in ten years more ing and thorough organization to not all the intelligence of the nation can provide a remedy. And is there any remedy today? One onlygovernmental ownership. Buy out ed that the evolution in organization these great interests; pay them at a fair price—an extravagant price if need be, but buy them and turn until they are reduced to a scientific them into the hands of the people to

> Ah! the people! I hear you say ment of many will never equal in agement of one brain. But then, and if it costs more to manage, let us bear in mind that this additional cost will be represented by salaries of the many.

We have no civil service capable of administering such things? I grant you. We have never had oc casion for a civil service. Our postal affairs and our collections of customs dues are comparatively unimportant. A little better or a little worse does not concern the average man. He would scarcely cross the street to help better the civil service. But if the streetcars were under the control of the civil service, if the great transportation companies having in charge the safety of his person and the prompt delivery of his freight were in charge of the civil service, how quickly the public interest

have a civil service in reality. I challenge any reasoning mind taking up this subject without regard to past prejudices to arrive at any other goal than public ownership. "Social ostracism," "publicity"-they are the feeble cries of children. Let us brace up and look the situation fully in the face. Either it must continue, and it is every moment growing more like an avalanche, or it must end in public

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The State owes it to her sons, especially to the boys on the farms and in the work shops, to provide ample accommodations for their industrial is now up to the millionaires. education ; to equip the College thoroughly with all facilities for education ; to reduce the expense of education to so low a point that families of ordinary means may find it availing around discovered that the some of those now in active careers the whole the apple crop is inferior, able to their sons; and to provide opportunities for labor and self-sup- them; at least, so the public press leading business interest after an- Blue Ridge report a full and fine port in order that bright boys without any property at all may be en- failures and the squeeze in New be swept from the field and pracabled by their own efforts to be as York surface railways.

out considering some other s: Has he increased the wages

A good beginning has already been of his employees? is he using his If President Hadley had in view the social ostracism of Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Rockefeller, it is quite apparent that it would be difficult to They exchange such valuable sugcarry out the scheme without the co-operation of his distinguished colaborers in the field of education. will become of us if the trusts go on to individual accumulation. eating up the wealth of the country

into the hands of the many instead of the few?

A hundred thousand of the best brains of the world are today engaged on this problem. Most of these brains are those of men who have begun life by believing in the system of individual competition. Therefore they turn away now from any true solution of the difficulty. ownership. gestions as those regarding social ostracism and publicity. Why? Be cause they do not wish to see the Other thinkers, after wrestling figure of governmental co-operation, with this difficult problem of what which looms up as the only barrier

the sharks were in jeopardy.

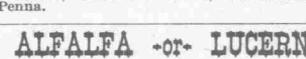
trust; were bearing down upon may in turn attack and crush one though many counties west of the gave out at the time of the Boston other until even the millionaires may crop.

LATEST NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLE TIN.

Cotton is holding out well only on stiff clay lands; all other crops have A man whose father was one of unquestionably deteriorated very with such avidity, finally get down the great operators of Wall Street, much; the rain of the 16th caused to the conclusion which deserves to who controlled so many millions that some improvement in places; a large rank with President Hadley's. "If he was able to wreck or make great number of correspondents state that we have publicity, the problem will business enterprises, said to the cotton bolls are very small and are be solved," they say. Yet we have writer recently at a dinner that all opening prematurely, and lint from publicity now. Everybody knows investment was becoming doubtful; such cotton cannot fail to be short the actual facts; there is no dispute he did not know where to put a dol- and inferior in quality; fresh blosregarding the conditions; nothing lar. All classes of enterprises were soms are not forming and shedding that could be divulged could be more so largely at the dispossl of manipu- continues. All reports agree that startling than what we now know; lation in the street, one day depress- the cotton crop, once the most promall are agreed, and evidently some of ed far below par and the next raised ising crop in the State, has been these gentlemen have in mind that far above, always with a like pur- materially cut short by the drought. old fable of the cat and the mice. If pose, the one of serving individual Picking has commenced, and the the cat only had a bell on her, they interests, that investment in securi- first new bales have been marketed. would be comparatively safe, they ties quoted on the street had become Young corn throughout the secargue. Ting-a-ling, a-ling, a-ling, a lottery. It was in the power of tions where showers occurred this and everybody, they imagine, might four or five men, by manipulation of week may yield a fair crop under dodge out of the way. But the the stock or by starting a parallel future favorable conditions, but trouble is that not everybody can enterprise, or by any other of the generally the corn crop is now very dodge. Pretty much everybody has numerous methods so well known, to poor ; much fodder has dried up combeen hearing the ting-a-ling for make or break literally anything or pletely before the ears have matured. quite a while now, and with no other anybody. Here were the methods Tobacco is ripening very fast, and result than that they are compelled of the father being applied to the the late crop is not good; cutting to sit still to be presently gobbled son's disadvantage. Greater whales and curing have advanced steadily. up. This gobbling process has now had appeared in the seas which were Peanuts, sweet potatoes, and rice do got to a very interesting stage. It capable of swallowing the sharks; not seem to be doing well, though refreshed by showers here and there. The other day some of the largest No well-informed man in the busi- Gardens are practically worthless. capitalists who have themselves ness world of today but believes that Summer apples have been sun-scalded been conspicuous in this line of work with two or three hundred millions and have dropped considerably; heard the ting-a-ling, ling, and look- at his disposal, a brain as able as winter apples also are poor, and on

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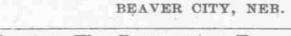
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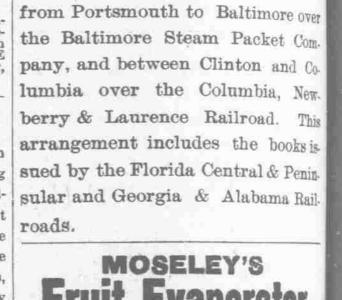
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