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The Easy Job.

There stands within our midst today An evil which were well displaced, An object that obstructs the way Of honest toil. Thus the land lies waste For want of willing hands to toil, And gather tribute from the freighted soil. The man who, though he would scorn to rob His friends, is looking for an easy job: With hands unused to work, he waits, As does the beggar at the city gates; He does not wish to bear the heat And burden of the day to earn his bread But lingers, close beside the scorners' seat, And waits in expectancy and dread Lest work be offered him that calls For toiling hands and sweating brow. Or if, perchance, upon his ear there falls The cry: "An easy job is coming now!" X RAY.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Why not have waterproof hats? Now bring on your tariff.

Now and then the elements teach man his place.

Cut out the fizz and fuss and fill up on zeal and zest.

Now the Bulgars don't seem to be able to out run the Turks.

Sing a song of job hunters, a pocket full of petitions.

Everything points to a record crop of canned goods.

With Wilson the pen is mightier than the big stick.

There will be revision downward in the tariff.

Though the floods are receding the need of help is at high tide.

Spring must surely be here. Railroads have begun to offer excursion rates.

The man who pays as he goes may not go very far, but he always gets there.

The base ball teams are mobilizing.

Congress is being made aware beforehand that this is not a waxworks administration.

England seriously objects to Mr. Bryans aid in setting Old Ireland free.

Nothing sheepish in the way Underwood handles the wool tariff.

What is more to the point, British women do not seem to merely outnumber the men.

Some Cubists ought to paint Hureta's as a government sitting on a volcano.

If the great powers wish to keep up with the times in diplomatic matters they must read the Commoner.

We won't breathe easy until that flood has gone down the Mississippi and been swallowed up in the Gulf.

What an awful calamity it would be if the leading baseball players should contract newspaper writer's cramp.

When the same individual is a baseball fan and fisherman he has a hard time not to neglect his business.

Speaking of our boasted civilization, the militia has to be ordered out every time there is a disaster.

Gen. Sung, of China was killed by assassins who were really looking for Gen. Sing. Chinese tenses are terribly fatal.

Many of us are going ahead with spring gardening without waiting for the legislature to accomplish something.

This Administration is more than twenty days old and neither President nor cabinet member has made the trip to investigate the Panama Canal.

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If John Bull were called upon to paint the three graces he would scarcely choose as models Mrs. Pankhurst and her earnest daughters.

Your small boy is as scornful of the elements as your baseball fan, cheerfully playing marbles in the snow because the calendar says that Spring is here.

Lord Byron used to say that sometimes when he was at his best he did not know himself what his poetry meant. Maybe some artists are not different from poets.

Though President Wilson threw a monkey wrench into the machinery of that six power Chinese loan, no right thinking person will accuse him of sabotage.

Now comes Thete Sims, the Tennessee farm boy that sat on the soft side of a rail at 4 in the morning waiting for the sun to rise, with complaints about the new house seats.

A list has been compiled to show that eleven famous ball players were born on the thirteenth of the month. The number thirteen is no bar to greatness as a birthday date.

Cyclones and such disasters make even the "cities in their pride" more thoughtful and kind, bringing close to view the great democracy below the grass roots.

Complaint is made that President Wilson has injured the "open door" policy for China, just as if that policy had come through the Taft administration with its parts intact.

Vocational Education.

The idea of Vocational Education, is gaining in popularity in the south and it is a good indication. That is a boy or girl is educated along the lines they expect to follow in their life work. If a boy is to be a mechanic he is given special instruction along the lines of work he will undertake when grown. This training should begin in the public schools and taken along with the regular school work. Of course it is impossible to give actual instruction in mechanical trades, farming etc. in all schools, but the text books bearing on such subjects should be studied by the pupils and then when the school course is finished they are better prepared to pursue their studies in the technical and demonstration schools of the country. There are many things about animals, grains, forests and domestic science that can be taught in the regular public school course and it is gratifying that these matters are attracting more attention all the time. The County School Commencements being held in various counties of the state and the one to be held here on the 4th of April, do much to stimulate this vocational educational idea and they should be encouraged.—Lenoir News.

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