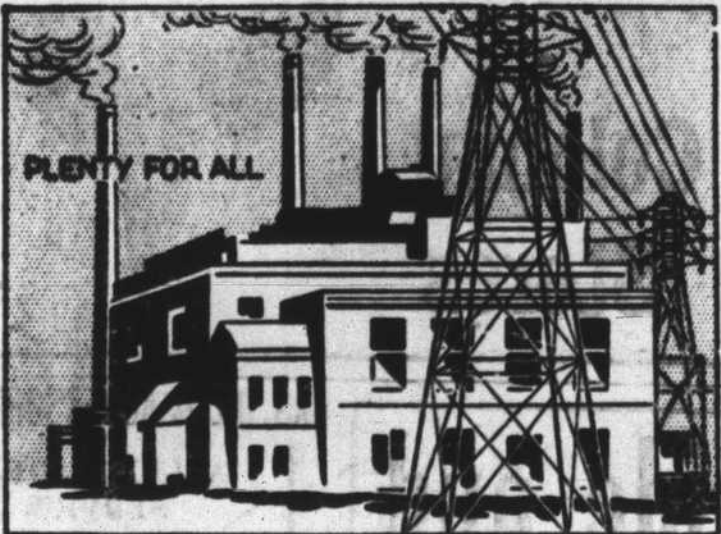


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By Alice Hansche Mortenson  
Upon a rocky trail one day  
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The precipice was dangerous.  
The wind was coming on,  
But on that child's trusting face  
Was joyfulness and calm.  
My own heart quaked a bit with fear  
Of what might lie ahead,  
But when I said "Aren't you afraid?"  
The laddie shook his head  
Astonished at my ignorance,  
"O, you don't understand.  
Why, Mister, I can't be afraid  
When Daddy holds my hand!"  
That little child's confidence  
Uplifted me that day,  
And many times I've thought of it  
Upon life's rocky way;  
How prone we adults are to fret  
When future days look drear,  
Forgetting that the Father's heart  
The Father's hand is near!  
Let's cast our cares—our fears on Him!  
Our heavenly Home is bright;  
What matters if our pathway here  
Leads sometimes through the night?  
Afraid? Let's answer with the little lad,  
"O you don't understand.  
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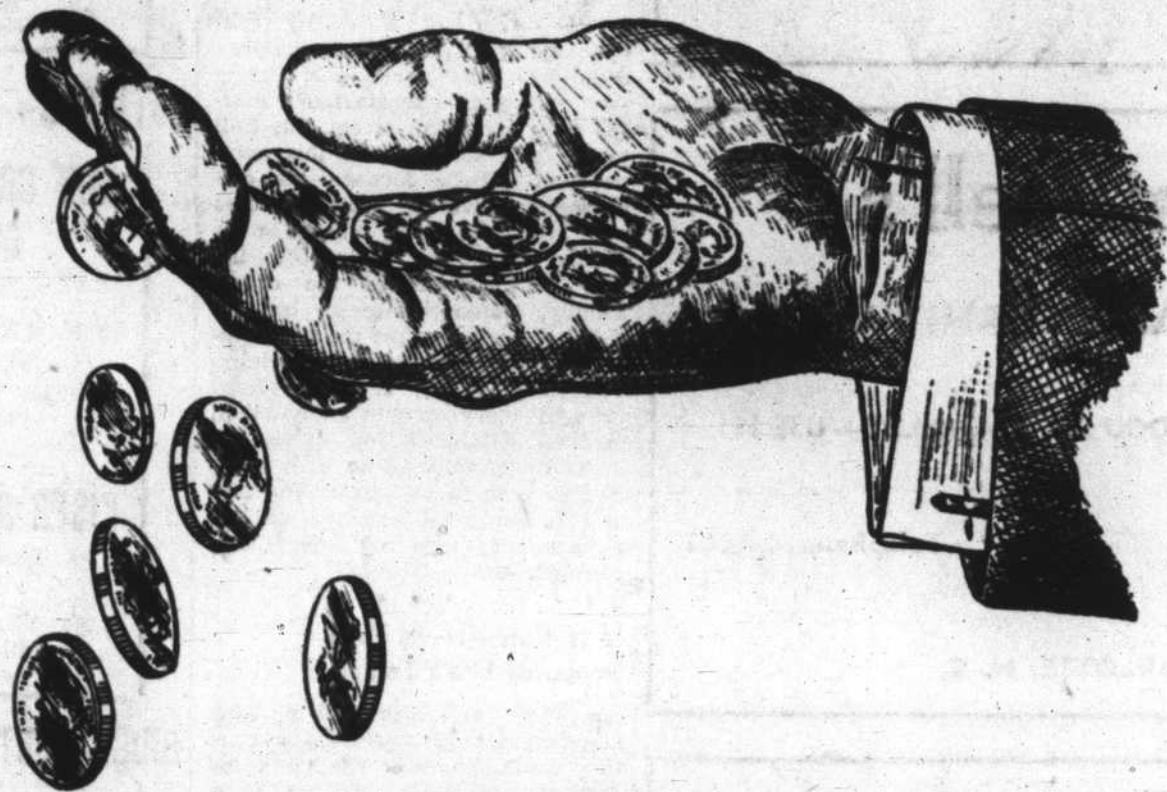
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