

Economic Conditions Will Improve

By Talcott Williams.



HERE has grown a consciousness that trade, business, the organization of capital, the corporate activities of men in all the fields of material activities have been untouched by this new principle of human action. In business the individual will, sometimes arbitrary, is still supreme. Trade is still under a competition which approaches war. Our corporations are under a despotic personal control, little modified by the votes of shareholders. Through all the world of trade and of production the old rule and the old system with which society began and out of which it has grown in religion and in the business of government, still remains supreme. Its working, instead of tending to equality, tends to inequality. Nothing has so grown upon the public consciousness as the conviction that the economic system of which we are a part is at war with the democratic principles which control the rest of the organized activities of our nation.

As self-rule is applied to the control of economic agencies, experiments will come, failure will succeed, and the successes will at last bear fruit. In time the lesson of ascertaining the will, of awakening the responsibility, and securing the rule of a great mass of scattered policy holders or shareholders will be solved. But the mere circumstance that the attempt is made to solve it, that the absolute rule of our great insurance companies, which a short three years ago seemed as powerful, as impregnable, and as permanent as any Old World despotism, should have disappeared in a day and been succeeded by even an attempt to govern through the many for the many, instead of by the few for the few, is itself a gauge of the rising tide of a democratic economy.

Financial Puzzles

By Louis Windmuller.



THE ways of Wall Street look dark and the tricks of corporation managers are peculiar. The announcement of every increased dividend is followed by further issues of bonds, stocks, or notes. Underwriters know how to float these loans by dividing their commissions with confidential customers. None of the subscribers worry about the issue, as long as it remains profitable to them. The capacity of American financiers to borrow surpasses the proverbial "Pump Gentle" of John Law; they announce a new loan before the last has been digested.

If a curious stockholder should stroll into a perfunctory annual meeting and inquire what benefit the company may derive from a flotation made necessary by the acquisition of new feeders of the "system," he would be confronted by the astonished president and silenced with a condescending gesture; if he had the audacity to question the accuracy of any statement made by his sworn accountant, he would be snubbed for his impertinence. As long as the majority of stockholders perpetuate the directors' power by signing what proxies they mail, they can expect no better treatment. And while the greater part of speculative stocks is held by speculative brokers who control the property and who look for their own temporary interest more than for the permanent interest of their customers, so long will present conditions remain.

Speculative abuses and corporate mismanagement will not be corrected by legislative enactment. They may, however, cause temporary revisions by which fortunes are diminished and margins swept away; but all parts of the country will continue to grow in spite of them, and the feeders that seem premature today will become valuable tomorrow.

Something Better Than Success

By A. C. Benson.



WISAGACIOUS, shrewd, acute man of the world is sometimes a mere nuisance; he has made his prosperous corner at the expense of others, and he has only contrived to accumulate, behind a little fence of his own, what was meant to be the property of all. I have known a good many successful men, and I cannot honestly say that I think that they are generally the better for their success. They have often learned self-confidence, the shadow of which is a good-natural contentment for ineffective people; the shadow, on the other hand, which falls on the contemplative man is an undue diffidence, an indolent depression, a tendency to think that it does not very much matter what any one does.

But, on the other hand, the contemplative man sometimes does grasp one very important fact—that we are sent into the world, most of us, to learn something about God and ourselves; whereas if we spend our lives in directing and commanding and consulting others, we get so swollen a sense of our own importance, our own adroitness, our own effectiveness, that we forget that we are tolerated rather than needed. It is better on the whole to tarry the Lord's leisure, than to try impatiently to force the hand of God, and to make amends for his apparent slothfulness. What really makes a nation grow, and improve, and progress, is not social legislation and organization. That is only the sign of the rising moral temperature; and a man who sets an example of soberness, and kindness, and contentment is better than a pragmatical district visitor with a taste for rating meek persons.—From Putnam's Monthly.

The Power of a Voice

By Kate Clyde.



WHEN you live in hotels a great deal, as have I more or less this summer, you realize the power of the human voice to soothe, or quite the opposite.

Oh, what a lot of harsh, disagreeable voices there are in this world—women's voice, too! The pity of it!

One morning I was on the beach at the bathing hour when I heard some one call "Tommy!" in discordant tones that set my nerves atingle with their acid sharpness. The child so called frowned and answered back in a peevish way. I turned, expecting to see some uncouth nursemaid, and to my surprise I beheld the extremely elegant mother of the boy.

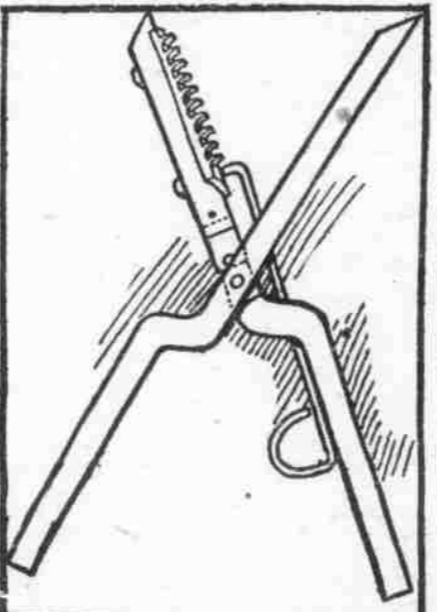
Now, that woman's husband is always irritable and peevish, just like the boy, and who shall say her voice is not responsible for it?

One of the worst-tempered men I know married a woman with a sweet, low voice and an even disposition. He is now completely changed. You know, you simply can't quarrel all by yourself when everything is peaceful and soothing all around you. It seems to me if more women realized this, there would be more happy homes.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.



A new portrait of Miss May Sutton, and regarded as the best ever made of the young American, who has defeated all opponents in the contests for first honors among the women tennis players both in this country and across the water. In England Miss Sutton's record is regarded as simply marvelous.

Home-Made Marcel.
For a long time the professional hairdresser had a monopoly of the marcel wave business. The fashionable coiffure required a professional touch, which, it seems, could not be secured at the hands of the amateur. Many a girl in the privacy of her bedroom has wasted hour after hour in the endeavor to "marcel" her own hair, only to succeed in making a mass of burned or tangled tresses not to be likened, for a moment, to the beautiful undulation of the



ocean's waves, but rather to a knotted bunch of seaweed thrown up on the shore.

The inventor has come to her relief in the presentation of a tool by which, so it is claimed, she can herself give her hair a "marcel" which will put the professional dresser to blush. At first glance this device looks like something which might be found in the doctor's kit, but its mission is entirely harmless and it can do no more damage than possibly burn a lock of hair if handled too carelessly. The teeth shown are sliding in a groove and after the thing has been heated the hair is wound around one of the arms of the tongs, and when the hair has been drawn tight, by pulling the teeth along the slot, the other jaw of the tong is closed down and its heat gives the hair the desired curl.—Washington Star.

Old Potatoes Made New.
The "rejuvenated potato" is the latest form of adulterated food to which State Food Commissioner R. W. Dunlap's attention has been called. Local dealers are treating potatoes of the crop of 1906 with some liquid that peels off the skin after the manner of the "new potatoes" and at the same time gives the potato the characteristic pink tinge.—Columbus (Ohio) Special to the New York World.

The negro republic of Liberia has twenty-two species of rubber trees.

Didn't Mind the Ladder.
A ladder leaned against a store front in Nassau street, near Spruce, yesterday afternoon. Its foot was so far out that it was easier far for one to go under it than to pass outside it.

Every one knows it is considered bad luck to walk under a ladder. Did many of the crowd hurrying toward the bridge pay deference to that superstition?

A man in a hurry paused a half minute to see.

Out of thirty who passed only seven avoided the supposed hoodoo. Those seven must have done it out of superstition, because it would have been easier for them to go under the ladder as the other twenty-three did.

The man who paused to see had, himself, not passed under.—New York World.

A New Pied Piper.
A new plague protective, or rat poison, has been discovered in India. It consists of a pasty substance inoculated with a bacillus. According to report, a rat which takes enough to cover a pin's head will not only die, but will infect every other rat with which it comes in contact. Five villages have been selected by the Government in which to make tests of the new poison.—Chicago Daily News.

The Two Handles.
Everything has two handles; one by which it may be borne, another by which it can not. If your brother acts unjustly, do not lay hold on the affair by the handle of his injustice, for by that it can not be borne; but rather by the opposite, that he is your brother, that he was brought up with you, and thus you will lay hold on it as it is to be borne.



Typical Soldiers of the Korean Army Lately Disbanded by the Japanese Government.—From Leslie's.

STRANGEST OF STRANGE FUNERAL CORTeges.



Moorish Soldiers Escorting the Remains (in Casket on Muleback) of Dr. Mauchamp, the Frenchman Murdered by Moors, From Marakesh to Mazagan (Two Hundred Miles) Through the Moroccan Desert.—L'illustration.

TOILETTES

City.—The simple shirt waist in tailor style is a favorite one of the season, and is to be noted in silk, in flannel and in cashmere, made

Fancy Blouse Waist.



In various colors to match the prevailing suits, so that, while there is a separate blouse worn the one color can be maintained throughout the costume, as well as in washable fabrics. This one is distinctly novel and smart in effect, while it retains the simplicity essential to waists of the sort and is finished with stitched

Whatever feature the new, up-to-date waist may include, the one all-essential one is some arrangement of trimming whereby the seams that join the sleeves to the blouse are concealed. Here is a distinctly new model that is both simple and effective, and which is trimmed to bring about this desirable result, while the shoulder line is by no means over broad, and it consequently is becoming to almost all figures. In the illustration it is made of crepe de Chine in a new lovely grey-green with trimming of velvet in a darker shade and of soutache braid and ribbon frills, while the yoke is of ecru lace. The combination of several materials on a single garment, as well as the color, mark the very latest style, and the blouse is altogether one much to be commended. It can be utilized both for the entire gown and for the separate waist, and is really appropriate for every fashionable material of indoor wear, inasmuch as all are soft and can be made full with success. Trimming of various sorts can be substituted for the velvet and soutache. The shoulder portions, for example, could be made of Oriental embroidery or of bands of embroidery held by narrow straps of velvet ribbon, or they could be of some contrasting material embroidered, while the frills can be of ribbon, as in this instance, of silk, of lace, or of the material. The blouse is made with a fitted



edges. Buttons are used as trimming as well as for practical closing, however, and as there are numberless beautiful ones found in the season's display, there is ample opportunity for excellent effect. In the illustration the blouse is made of heavy white linen trimmed with large pearl buttons and with collar and cuffs embroidered in eyelet style; but later, when actual cold weather shall have arrived, silk, flannel and the like, will be in demand. The waist consists of the fronts, the back and the pointed panel at the centre front. The waist is closed at the front but the panel is buttoned over into place at the left side. There are tucks at the centre front and back that extend full length with wider ones to yoke depth only; at each side thereof and the outermost tucks of these groups serve to conceal the arm hole seams. The sleeves are quite novel and are pleated at both their upper and lower edges, while they can be finished in three-quarter length with roll-over cuffs or extended to the wrists and finished with plain fitted ones.

Finest of Velvet.
A new velvet is so fine that entire width can easily be put through a small ring.

When Lining Dresses.
For dresses in light weight materials the lining of the bodice should be quite a small affair, extending back and front just below the waist line.

Dainty Petticoats.
Petticoats are lovelier and more fluffy than ever before. Fine hand embroidery and masses or ruffles are the daintiest that can be worn with evening gowns.

Along on which the yoke and the full portions are arranged. The shoulder straps, or epaulette like trimming, are arranged over it, and the regulation stock collar completes the neck. The sleeves, also, are made over fitted linings, and the lower edges of these linings are covered with frills.



The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and three-quarter yards twenty-one, three yards twenty-seven or one and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide with three-eighth yard of all-over lace, four and three-quarter yards of velvet ribbon, and ten yards of ribbon for frills, to make as illustrated in the medium size.

Long Wrap Popular.
Take it which way you will the long enveloping wrap is an insignia of the hour.