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GRAFT.

If one were to tell you that your congressman was a grafter and that your United States Senators were grafters you would probably not believe it. You would doubtless feel insulted that such accusations were made against men of the fine moral fiber and make-up of congressmen and senators. Yet the men who make our laws and "save the country" engage in grafting—legalized grafting. In other words they permit a law to stay upon the statute books of the government allowing them 20 cents a mile for their transportation to Washington, while as a matter of fact the actual cost of transporting a congressman or a senator is about the same as that of an ordinary man, 2½ cts per mile. Along this line the following is taken from Charity & Children: "Congressmen, under an ancient law enacted in the stage coach days, received 20 cts a mile for transportation to Washington altho' the actual cost of the trip is 2 cts a mile. This graft on the part of our law makers is not confined to parties. It is not a partizan question at all, but one that is wholly personal and selfish. A recent bill to reduce this mileage to a reasonable basis was defeated in Congress, and we are sorry to say that our two senators and Representative Kitchin helped to defeat it. The leaders in the House on both side Underwood and Mann, both lined up in favor of this rake-off, so that neither can shake his fingers in the other's face, for they are tarrred with the same stick. All sorts of excuses are offered for this unreasonable graft, the strongest being (and it is pitifully weak) that this 20cts a mile covers the expenses of a congressman's family, and unless a congressman has his wife along he is liable to fall into temptation! But the congressmen without wives get 20 cents a mile, and a man with one child gets as much for the transportation of that one as a man with ten children! The whole thing is wrong and no excuse can be offered for it. Indeed it would be more manly to come right out and say that it is the money they are after, rather than to prop up their cause by the flimsy arguments they present.

Mr. Small advocates the best plan that has yet been proposed,

and that is for a congressman to keep account of his actual outlay, present it on his arrival and be re-embursed by the government, the whole account to be published so that the public can see it.

But Mr. Small will hardly make much headway with his proposition. Notwithstanding the clamor that is always raised in campaign times about economy and reform, when the opportunity presents itself for economy and reform begins among the members, they are found wanting. It would look much better and inspire more public confidence if these gentlemen would sweep about their own doors before raising a hue and cry about the trash in other people's yards.

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- Dr. Grove's Anodyne for Infants (Morphine Sulphate.)
- Hooper's Anodyne, the Infants friend (Hydrochloride of Morphine)
- Jadway's Elixer for Infants, (Codein.)
- Dr. Jame's Soothing Syrup (Heroin.)
- Koepf's Baby's Friend (Sulphate of Morphine.)
- Hr. Miller's Anodyne for Babies, (Sulphate of Morphine and Chloral Hydrate.)
- Dr. Moffit's Teething Powder, (Powdered Opium.)
- Victor Infant Relief, (Chloroform and Cannabis Indica.)

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