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## LET THE PUBLIC STRIKE.

In this day of strikes and walkouts, everyone else having had a whack at going on strike, says a writer in Forbes Magazine, the public also may decide to go on, strike—against strikes.

The public is beginning to suspect that there has been too much of this sort of thing going on. Also, the public has reached the conclusion that certain classes of workers have become conscienceless profiteers. The railway union members want to have the roads handed over to them, with power, virtually, to fix their own wages. Coal miners are agitating for 30-hour week—five days of six hours each. Painters in New York had only to go thru the motion of walking out in order to get their pay raised to \$8 a day. Bricklayers went them one better by demanding \$10 a day.

Garbage collectors in Jersey City recently struck for \$8 a day. Garbage collectors, mind you! Printers in New York are tying up the distribution of many of the leading magazines and periodicals.

These are samples of what is going on. There is a limit of what the public will submit to in the way of gouging. That limit has been almost, if not quite, reached.

## THE REMEDY.

As was brought out in a speech in Gastonia last week by a citizen of the county, people now-a-days are having the best times in the history of the country. Everybody has more money and is making more money than ever before; they are wearing better clothes and having more to eat. There are more automobiles and all other kinds of luxuries, even among people of ordinary means, than was ever known. It is universally granted that there is plenty of money in the country and that these are prosperous times.

But, who can guarantee a continuance of this prosperity? That is a question that each individual must answer for himself. In the event of hard times—and hard times hit every generation—how are we to be fortified? Periods of unusual prosperity are nearly always followed by equally depressing periods of adversity. It has always been the case. The only answer to this question is the savings bank and the building and loan. Both are bulwarks of safety to the wage earner and to the careful saver. Or, there are other good investments in Gaston real estate and business enterprises that will prove a gold mine when the stringent days of hard times are upon us.

## WOMAN'S DRESS—WHO IS GUILTY?

At a meeting of woman physicians in New York recently, Dr. Edith Hale Smith, of Boston, made a bitter attack upon the modern woman's dress. "The sole purpose of dress of the American woman of today is sex appeal," she said. "She does not dress to keep warm, but to attract the attention of men. Her sole thought is to seek the newest, most extravagant style in the store, using no thought of hygiene or modesty in making her choice."

A mother, writing recently in a national journal, said: "There is never going to be a winning fight against vice in America until women face the fact that present styles of dress, or to speak more accurately, 'undress,' decreed largely by men designers and manufacturers, are absolutely inimical to purity of thought and action. It should not surprise us to find lax morals among our young boys and girls, when mature women go to the extreme that georgette and similar fabrics have carried them."

There is an abundance of truth in the above statements, although it must be admitted that both writers go to the extreme in their criticism of the modern woman's dress.

Mere man, of course, should not set himself as the judge of the vagaries of a woman's whim, or of what they ought to wear and ought not to wear. We confess that they all look mighty good to us in whatever they garb themselves. But, it is evident, from the amount of talk that is going on among the papers of the state recently regarding woman's dress that there is something wrong. The editor of The Presbyterian Standard in last week's issue carried more than a column discussion of the subject under the title, "Dress and Decency," the opening paragraph of which was as follows:

"Is there any connection between these two? If so how much dress is essential to decency? For all practical purposes these are questions which must be addressed to the feminine mind. The masculine attire is such as to raise no question. Men are so modest that they cover their whole person from the throat down. They will not appear in company without hiding their anatomy under at least two thicknesses. And when attending high social functions, they must envelope the upper part of their bodies under four layers of clothing. They expose only their faces and their hands, and on occasions even the latter must be covered. Let the weather be ever so hot, men consider that a proper regard for the proprieties requires that they shall wear a nether and an upper garment. Indeed it is only in the privacy of the home or the office that they feel at liberty to peel down to two layers. When a gentleman is caught in this condition he blushes and says, 'Excuse me, Madam,' and hastens to slip on his coat."

The poet says, "Beauty unadorned is adorned the most." Dr. Bridges says that the women have taken the poet in dead earnest and humorously adds that where there is so much of beauty unadorned, it should not cost so much to cover the slight remainder.

It is true, perhaps, that there are only a conspicuous few who thus draw attention and remark to themselves, but it is these brazen few who cause so much unjust criticism to rain down on the heads of our women folks. As some of us men see it, there is no better crusade in which our women could join than this against the degrading tendencies of some of the modern styles.

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 (Signed) U. V. W. DARLINGTON.

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