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THE ELKS MINSTRELS.

Henceforth let the such ordinary blackfaced as Lew Dockstadter and the Primrose people go merrily on their way for Miller and Draper have demonstrated that La Grande has talent in the black face art which puts most of the "profess" over the ropes. Talent that was latent experienced a thorough revival last evening when the curtain rose on the Elks minstrels. It was a show worthy of editorial mention, else it would not be receiving it and the general public who patronized it will agree with the Observer that the performance was first class and snappy throughout.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Draper, who, by the way, hail from the Sunflower State—the land of old John Brown—are first class not only as actors but in handling people and getting excellent results from the man who not realize he can act. Besides this they are genuine Elks, excellent gentlemen and belong to the higher class of stage people who appreciate the art in the work. For ten years they have followed this profession and they have graduated in it, taking the post graduate course. Every Elk on the coast knows Mr. Miller and Mr. Draper and the show going public are equally familiar with them. When they decide to come this way again they will experience the outstretched hand and a heartfelt "Glad to see you"

BIOLOGY AND WAR.

The world is familiar with all the standard arguments against war—its brutality, its waste, its cost in human lives and in property. Peace advocates have let no thinking, reading man or woman escape conviction upon these points.

There is another aspect of the matter with which the public is probably less conversant. It might be termed the biological argument against war. Every serious clash of arms means a definite deterioration in the human

race. Even if we did not owe it to ourselves and our families, to our state and nation not to engage in war, we would still be bound by duty to posterity to keep the peace.

For war every nation demands the flower of her manhood. The call is for young men strong of limb, sound of heart and lungs, keen of judgment and quickness of intellect. Of such have armies been composed from the beginning. The physically and mentally unfit are left at home. The call to arms is not intended for such.

Every war, then, means the segregation of the fit and the unfit, the killing off or incapacitating for the former and the preservation of the latter. The north lost more than 600,000 of her best men in the civil war and the loss to the south was even heavier when compared with its resources. The history of every long continued war is the same. Thousands killed in battle, thousands diseased to find more lingering deaths, thousands crippled and robbed of Nature's inheritance of physical excellence.

Meanwhile, the next generation is begotten of the other class, the unfit who were not wanted at the front. Like begets like, the laws of physical inheritance knows few exceptions—blood will tell, in other words—and no nation can expect to keep its citizenship vigorous and aggressive if one generation of men and women is to be fathered by the second class stock of the generation preceding. The situations as plain as day. One need not be a biologist to see the logic of so inevitable a tendency.

Separate the men of any community into two groups, the fit and the unfit. Make the latter the fathers of the next generation and doom the former to death or celibacy. Bar out all new blood from other communities. Physical degeneracy in such an imaginary case would be as certain as tomorrow's rising sun.

Virtually that is what a nation does which engages in a long, disastrous war. It kills off the flower of its manhood and puts upon the other part of the male population the duty of fathering the coming race.

If war could utilize the rift-raft of humanity and leave to the constructive duties of civilization the best elements in the population, this biological objection to war could not exist. In that case a call to arms might be a benefit to the race; at least it would help solve one of the more serious problems which the sociologist is studying.

In these days, however, war has become indefensible, and the argument from biology is only one of a numberless train teaching the disastrous effects of conflict between nations. Some day man will wonder that times could ever have been so barbarous as to endure the cruelty and waste of war.

Champ Clark's remark that La Follette can speak for himself is slight praise. He can speak not only for himself, but for many others—for a multitude, for a whole nation. The fact that he is unauthorized to do so makes not the slightest difference.

William Short, chief trumpeter for King George V, has returned to England after a flying visit to this country. For a trumpeter, William's stay was as quiet as it was short.

The Elks have again showed their purple quality and henceforth a number of them will be known as artists in theatrical work.

Champion Ad Wolgast has accumulated \$100,000 since last February. Evidently he expected an operation for appendicitis.

The Boston bridal couple, lost eight

days in a blizzard in Colorado, may be said to have had a stormy honeymoon.

Gifford Pinchot announces that he is not Roosevelt's messenger, but he doesn't state when the contract expired.

Next to enjoying Christmas comes the pleasures of the glad New Year. Are you ready for them?

Some people are martyrs and others just say they prefer the neck of the fowl.

A New York man made a will leaving all his property to his lawyer. Of course, he knew best.

How many good resolutions have you got stacked up the first of the year?

STATE LOTTERIES.

Rise and Fall of a Tremendous Gamble in England.

STARTED UNDER QUEEN BESS

The First One Was "Without Any Blanks, Containing Good Prices, as Well of Redy Money as of Plate and Certain Sorts of Marchandizes."

Though it is certain that the custom of holding lotteries was practiced in European countries as far back as the middle of the fifteenth century, it seems that this particular idea was unknown in England until more than 100 years later. The lottery, in fact, appears to have been included among those many other important things, both good and bad, that were introduced to public notice during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it being her majesty's express command that this ready means for "raising the wind" on behalf of the state finances was adopted.

The first English lottery must have taken a good deal of arranging, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the people of that day required a certain amount of education in this form of gambling, for although the idea was first brought forward in the year 1559 (in Mary's reign), the actual drawing did not take place until three years later.

One of the original bills of Queen Elizabeth's lottery has fortunately been preserved, printed in black letter and measuring five feet in length and one and one-half feet wide. It begins by announcing "A very rich Lotterie General, without any blanks, containing a number of good prizes (sic), as well of redy money as of plate and certain sorts of marchandizes, having been valued and priced by the commandment of the Queene's most excellent majesty, by men expert and skilful," and goes on to say that "the same lotterie is erected by her majesties order to the intent that such commodity as may chance to arise thereof, after the charges borne, may be converted towards the reparation of the havens and strength of the Realme and toward such other publique good works." There were something like 30,000 prizes in this gigantic venture, of which the first was of the value of £5,000, while the entrance fee was only "two shillings and six pence."

James I. lent his "speciall favour" to a lottery whose object was "the present plantation of English colonies in Virginia," the prizes consisting of £5,000 in money, "besides rewards of casualtie," the tickets being drawn "in a new built house at the west end of Paul's the 29th of June, 1612." This lottery does not, however, appear to have been very popular, although we are assured by the historian that it was "plannedly carried and honestly performed," for owing to the want of "filling uppe the number of lots there were taken out and thrown away threescore thousand blankes without abating any one prize," certainly a very generous proceeding on the part of the promoters. The lucky man on this occasion was Thomas Sharpliffe, "a Taylor of London," who won the first prize of "four thousand Crownes in fayre plate, which was sent to his house in a very stately manner."

Though to some extent poorly patronized, this lottery appears to have evoked a good deal of interest among the important personages of the day, for we are told that "during the whole tyme of the drawing there were always present duers worshipfull Knights and Esquires, accompanied with sundry graue discreet Citizens."

As time went on lotteries for every conceivable purpose were held in London and other important towns, with the inevitable result that trouble constantly arose between the promoters and those of the ticket holders who happened to be unlucky or thought they had been unfairly treated, as no doubt many of them were. We find, therefore, that periodical orders were issued for the suppression of this form of gambling, though the law does not seem to have had any great effect. At last, however, any one proposing to hold a lottery was obliged to send

in a petition to the king, and in Charles II.'s reign we find mention of several such applications. One of these was for "the ransom of English slaves in Tunis, Algiers or the Turkish galleys or for any other charitable use," the promoter making it a bargain that after he had paid in a third of the profits he should reserve the rest for his own expenses and "the repair of his fortunes, ruined by loyalty."

Lottery offices for the sale of tickets were established all over the country as time went on, but none was more famous than the agency of one Blah, who flourished at the beginning of the nineteenth century. This enterprising individual, whose chief offices were in Cornhill and at Charing Cross, must have made a considerable fortune out of the much safer business of selling tickets than taking them. But his prosperous career, as also that of his fellows, came to an abrupt end when the lottery act was passed in 1823, by which it was provided that after the drawing of the state lottery for that year there were to be no more of them.—London Globe.

Pa's Weakness.
Little Nell—You've got a good papa, Willie. Willie—Pa ain't so bad, but I wish he wasn't so much in love with mamma. Why, he believes everything she says about me."

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