

wrong by accepting new doctrines and thus ruin their business? Never! They will only allow improvement as the people study and force it upon them. We often forget that OUR VERY LIVES depend upon the solution of these problems, and wait till trouble comes and then send for the priest and are then at his mercy. We believe, with what to us is good evidence, that the great army of the priests of medicine are using what they call the laity simply as mudsills to their personal prosperity. There must be something wrong when graduates of medical colleges and those who have practiced for years differ so widely in regard to the administration of drugs. Take, for example, the drug known as quinine. Some physicians give this the first thing in case of fever. To be sure, this, with several other kinds of drugs, weakens the patient, but they explain how it is all necessary. Now another school of physicians claim that this is actually criminal, and that the administration of these drugs is only to keep the people in ignorance of the best and simplest methods of curing diseases in order to preserve the practice of the old school physicians. Whatever be the truth, this we know, that the laity are the victims and that universal education and mental liberty is our only salvation.

Geikie says, "all reforms begin with the laity, and with the obscure," and if this is true we should not wait for the puffed up, pompous priests, physicians, or politicians to do our thinking for us.

We even have priests who control our teeth. A few crafty dentists with the aid of the priests of politics have fixed things up in such a way that they have absolute control of this branch. They even have the brass to act as an examining board themselves thus shutting off all competition. The following from the Klamath Falls Express shows how a priest of politics may use a bad law to vent a spite on an innocent man.

"In the words of Col. Ingersoll, 'it is sweet to the man who has heard the prattling voices of his own children' to know that a case of malignant persecution miscarried and all the flash it made was in the pan.

Saturday afternoon after Dr. F. P. Ashworth had left town, after giving bonds while here to appear at the November term of court to answer to the charge of having practiced dentistry without being registered, upon a complaint sworn out by Judge W. C. Hale, the latter arrived from Spring Creek and swore out another complaint against Ashworth for practicing dentistry upon another person. The constable left about 6 p. m. Saturday for N. S. Drew's ranch at Hildebrand where Mr. Ashworth was stopping, but found that he had already left for his home at San Jose, Cal. so the warrant remains unserved. The whole community is highly incensed over the affair."

The legislation which gives these

men this power, the legislation which debars all excepting the old school physicians the right to practice, the legislation which is forcing the observance of one set of religionists upon the world and the many other hinderances to progress show us that there is much to be done and that the laity cannot afford to be slow in studying the great questions of the day and starting needed reforms along every line. We believe in good government, in statesmanship in perserving and prolonging life, in public teachers and orators but we do not believe in the people bowing down to a merciless avaricious priesthood and submitting patiently to the yoke, building the Egyptian pyramids of lives of leisure and colossal fortunes for those who toil not, nor spin, excepting an evil net in which to catch their fellowmen.

Christian Saloon.

The Princeton University, which was founded by Presbyterian clergymen, and whose professors are also instructors in the Princeton Theological Seminary, where Presbyterians are trained for the ministry, seems to have a saloon in connection, which is known as the Princeton Inn. Some of the alumni own the place but it is run by a professional hotel and saloon keeper. The proprietors have been having some difficulty in obtaining a license lately, but after the Christian professors had signed the petition, there not being the requisite number, it was presented to Ex-President Grover Cleveland who lives on the same street. He readily signed it and now the students of this great University will have the privilege of toughening their brains whenever they wish, without patronizing anything that isn't "swell ye know."

What a howl of holy terror would go up from the Christians if the Liberal University would have a saloon on its grounds, upheld and patronized by its faculty. But the people who send their sons and daughters to our Secular school need not fear, for no stimulents will be used by the students with the approval of the faculty, for we do not believe in "taking a little wine for our stomach's sake," even. Good healthful food and fresh air are the only stimulents that are necessary, not because a holy book says that "wine is a mocker," but because human experience has demonstrated it beyond a doubt.

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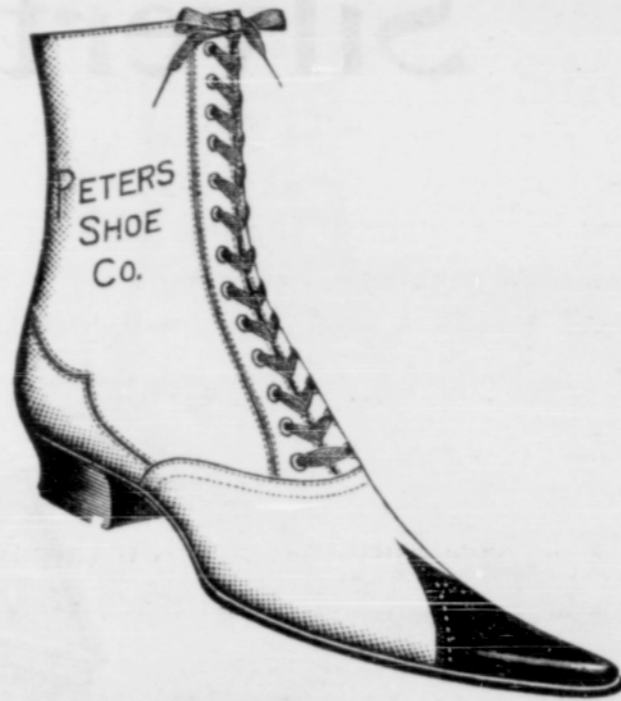
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