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THE UNDERPAID PROFESSOR.

He is being cramped and humiliated on all sides, is conscious that he is becoming quasi-miserly through overattention to pennies—in fact, is himself living a petty and sordid life, and what is much worse, sees those he most cares for, and for whom he is responsible, involved in the same destiny, says The Review. He willingly took on the vow of poverty for himself, perhaps, but not for them. He would go into plumbing if he knew enough. He is in the clutch of an out-and-out exasperating experience, one that is destructive both of his dignity and his self-respect. Whether, under this harrow, he reveals bolshevik tendencies or not, a man in such a mood ought not to be teaching our sons. He is bound to be wearied and distraught, if not bitter and cynical. It takes enthusiasm and fervor to fire the heart of youth. There is call for the clear and equable mind, sufficiently at rest as respects its own concerns to be able to spare that force upon which his charges ought to have the right to draw. As things now go, the best men will keep out of teaching, and presently the inferior ones, less robust and resistant of nonsense, may actually fall, as some have already fallen, into the status of suggestible malcontents. The heads of most professors are not yet weak enough for bolshevism; but certain journals that dish up brain-softening compounds, full of insinuation and suggestion, are far too popular among them. To such influences they are becoming ever more "open minded." This is dangerous. If the cure of Russian bolshevism is more food, the prophylaxis of professorial bolshevism is more salary.

Not everybody who is dead has kicked the bucket; not everybody who has died by his own hand has kicked the bucket, although in the process some of them have kicked over other things. This is not a revelation of the after life. It is simply an explanation of how it started. The term has come down to us for every method of leaving this world for the next. Rocky Mountain News remarks. The particular means which popularized it, however, was introduced hundreds of years ago by one Bolzober, who, having lost his reason, decided to commit suicide—to hang himself. In looking around for a support over which to throw his rope he found a beam so high over his head that it was necessary to stand on something in order to reach it. The nearest thing happened to be a bucket, which served the purpose very well. After completing the necessary operations, the poor man actually and verily kicked the bucket.

Having a housing shortage of her own London, England, is buying surplus army stores in the form of British army huts, thereby providing temporary homes for hundreds of families. Unless they have rusted away, the United States government also has quantities of these huts lying around in this country, all in corrugated sections, ready for erection, capable of conversion in a day into family habitations.

We do not want foreign malcontents to dictate to us whether our important industries shall be permitted to go on or close. The war should have taught us enough of the danger of alien mischiefmaking in our affairs.

A number of Americans are becoming so excited over matters national and international that they are almost indifferent to the fact that forecasting for the 1929 baseball pennant is now in order.

It is getting mighty hard for a rich man to have a son who does not grow up to regard work as beneath him—and that is equivalent to saying that it is hard for a rich man to have a son who isn't a lunkhead.

Another statesman proposes to reduce the H. C. L. by making "porpoise leather shoes." This massive mind is not at all bothered by the trifling fact that the porpoise has no hide.

Dressmakers say that skirts are to be of modest length. This will occasion great dissatisfaction among those who believe such a length to be unnecessarily long.

Occasionally a man threatening to strike seems to give very little reason for such action beyond the fact that he has become sufficiently prosperous to afford it.

A DOCTORS' UNION!

We are informed by a contemporary that the Bronx doctors have formed a union and will seek affiliation with the American Federation of Labor. This seems to us to be an act of supererogation, but presumably the doctors know what they are doing. They always do know what they are doing when strengthening their own position by associational agreements, although at times they are not so sure of it when engaged in strictly professional work. There is a wide-spread belief, however, that the doctors were already fairly well "organized," and that they had even enlisted the police power of the state in the cause of a "closed shop." We are curious to see just what shape the new scale of prices will take, and if the qualified but unknown young physician or surgeon will be entitled to as much pay as the proved, if no more skillful, operator, says New York Morning Telegraph. Also, we would like to ask if they will be expected to "walk out" in sympathy should other sections of the "needle" trades quit because of a just grievance? Again, would it be unethical for them to write a prescription without a previous understanding—that it must not be filled in a cut-rate pharmacy?

Just go back in your mind over the way you have come and count the number of times you have been unsuccessful, when you threw up your hands and started into damn conditions and ply yourself. If the farmer waited until weather, seed, market conditions and his own personal feelings suited him right down to the ground, he would never reap a harvest. The business man will never have everything just to his liking. Prices will be too high or too low, the seasons will be too cold or too hot and it's always either too wet or too dry. Our observation has been that the most successful men are the ones who do not use up their energy quarreling with conditions, says Grit. They are the men who smile and hop to it. They find out, first of all, if there is anything wrong with themselves or their particular business which they can overcome and set right, and then pull up their belts another notch and hop to it. They realize that the other fellow is busy with his own particular problems, that it is up to them individually to make good and when they attain to this frame of mind they usually do. Hop to it, brother, while the hopping's good.

It seems altogether likely that the person who arises to say that the girl of today is more beautiful because the films have shown her how is on the right track, says Milwaukee Journal. At least a good deal is attributable to the films, including a large crop of the future manhood of the republic with the given names of Francis and Douglas. Other benefits are to be hoped. Those of us, for instance, whose domestic difficulties are never submitted to the arbitrament of flying china sincerely hope that custard pies have softened the bruised feelings resultant from such encounters and somewhat reduced the high cost of strife.

England is encouraging the standardization of clothing for women to decrease the cost of living. But that cannot be accomplished until women are standardized, which is one of the problems that present difficulties.

Wang P. Tong and Sun Yat Sen have arranged peace between North China and South China. In the face of Japanese aggression, terrestrial and impertinent, all the Celestials are getting together.

Austria has just published a "Red Book" showing that Germany urged her to start the war. As a sequel the Austrians may get out a new book showing that Germany made a mistake.

Great Britain notes an increase in the number of bigamous marriages since the war. And here we've been thinking that the high cost of living was worrying the English!

The price of raisins is up 100 per cent, but maybe that was to be expected—such vast quantities having been used in attempts to turn near-beer into something wicked.

They are making silver-airplanes, now, within the reach of modest incomes. But with airplanes, it's not the initial expense but the "overhead" that counts.

Produce more and waste less. That is the fundamental remedy for the situation. Other expedients are helpful, but temporary and incidental.

Dealers say that "excited buying" is to blame for the high price of shoes. Try to remain calm when you are purchasing footwear.

It is all well, enough to talk about jailing all the profiteers. Where are the jails to hold them?

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