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In the United States \$10,000,000 are invested in the manufacture of automobiles, of which 12,000 were turned out in 12 months. This machine is only in its infancy, and it is predicted that the time will come when its cheapness will place the ownership of one within the power of the man of small means.

Wm. N. WHITELEY, a manufacturer of farm implements at Springfield, Ohio, employing about 3000 hands, has left the republican party. He can't stomach the republican trusts any longer. Thousands of republicans, he says, are going over to the democrats, who, he believes, will win if they stick to the tariff issue.

LOUIS BERTRAND, socialistic deputy from Brussels, in his work on the "Co-operative Movement in Belgium," estimates that on the 1st of January, 1901, the co-operative societies numbered 1800, and that they supplied the necessities of life to over one million consumers, or one-seventh of the total population of the kingdom.

The awful fires in portions of this county, which deprived in a moment, almost, many of our best citizens of the fruits of years of toil and self-sacrifice, certainly convince every sane man that great care should be exercised in setting fire in the open during the dry season, and that severe punishment should be inflicted on any one through whose criminal carelessness or indifference a great destructive fire is started.

French dealers from Paris have arrived in San Francisco to buy California and Oregon dried prunes. The French prune crop, which is usually 25,000,000 pounds, will be less than one-fifth that amount this year. It is expected that two thousand carloads of prunes will be shipped from the Pacific coast to France to be dried there under the French process and sold as French prunes.

Long and careful inquiries by German doctors indicate that cancer is not probably hereditary, but that it is perniciously contagious. In certain districts the number of sufferers in proportion to the population is much larger every year than in other areas. Dogs and cats in many instances become cancerous, but few horses and cattle are attacked. Men and women are stricken on the average earlier in life in this generation than in those which preceded it.

SIR WILLIAM CROOKE affirms that the world is using up 1,200,000 tons of nitrates a year, that 30 years from now 12,000,000 tons will be needed and as the supply will not be adequate, mankind will stand face to face with starvation. Lord Kelvin expresses the opinion that if the present waste of oxygen by means of large furnaces and the endless number of steam engines continues, within a few hundred years all the oxygen in the air will have been exhausted. Chemistry must come to the aid of civilized man to save him from falling from his high estate to a lower depth than that in which the Australian Bushman grovels.

The coal trust pays its men on an average \$1.28 a day. As the miners are employed only part of the time the figures do not fairly represent what their wages are in proportion to their living expenses. The average earning capacity of a miner is \$248 a year. Out of this sum he must pay the coal trust for house rent from \$36 to \$72 a year, must supply his own powder at \$14 a year, his own oil at \$5 a year and physician's fees at \$6 a year, leaving a balance of \$115 a year, or \$2.25 a week, for provisions and clothing, the former obtained at the company's store at prices forty per cent higher than elsewhere. The miners asked a twenty per cent increase. It was denied them, and the miners struck.

The most wonderful metal in the world is radium. It is one of the new things under the sun, at least to humanity, and the word radium is not found in the current dictionaries. The total mass of the metal thus far collected weighs only one-thirtieth of an ounce, or 16 ounces Troy. A Mr. Curie and his wife extracted the first grain from pitchblende at a cost of more than \$10,000. Radium contains within itself such an infinite energy, writes John Brisben Walker in the September Cosmopolitan, that since the very beginning of creation it has been emitting streams of material particles projected with the velocity of 60,000 to 90,000 miles per second. Radium converts oxygen into ozone. Its rays, blindingly brilliant, never cease to shine. They have been found to be of rare value in medicine. The prospector who finds even a pound of pitchblende rich in radium can take up his residence on Easy Street.

## When Arbitration Is Not Possible

By ABRAM S. HEWITT, Millionaire Manufacturer and Ex-Mayor of New York



**T**HE RIGHT TO LABOR IS INHERENT IN EVERY HUMAN BEING AND CANNOT BE SURRENDERED WITHOUT THE SACRIFICE OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. It therefore cannot be arbitrated any more than the right of a man to his own home if it shall be claimed by an outsider who proffers arbitration. An offer of arbitration is always attractive, but there are many things which cannot be submitted to arbitration, and among them none is so important to the workman as the right to sell his labor in a free market. THE ANTHRACITE MINE OPERATORS CANNOT YIELD THIS POINT WITHOUT BEING DISLOYAL TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AND TO THE WORKMEN WHO CARRY ON THE OPERATIONS.

It would be far better to abandon the business of mining anthracite coal than to concede the demand for any man or set of men to deny the rights of employment and of labor upon which the whole structure of free government is founded and to which this country owes phenomenal progress. In my judgment, therefore, the operators are only doing their plain duty in declining to arbitrate a question which is in the domain of conscience and involves the personal liberty of the individual.

THE ONLY SOLUTION OF THE TROUBLE IS FOR MR. MITCHELL TO ORDER THE STRIKE OFF WITHOUT DELAY. When this is done, if there be grievances to be arbitrated they will be promptly adjusted between the local operators and local unions. The right of association is not in question. This is admitted by both employers and employees. What is denied, and properly so, is the power by the issue of union cards to refuse employment to nonunion men and thus condemn them to ostracism, starvation and death.

SUCH A RESULT IS ABHORRENT TO JUSTICE AND IS FATAL TO PERSONAL LIBERTY.

### SEMI-STARVATION AT THE PEN.

A young man recently released from the Oregon penitentiary makes the statement, which is corroborated by other former inmates, that the food which he received during his imprisonment of 18 months was insufficient—in fact, keeps a prisoner in a condition of semi-starvation. It does not seem reasonable to presume that one form of punishment which the state of Oregon inflicts on its prisoners is hitting them in the belly—below the belt, which is cowardly and cruel. He gives a rough outline of the daily bill of fare, as follows: Coffee once a day, in the morning, made of one pound of chicory to 300 men; no butter at all; a slice of meat of about two inches square; abundance of bread two days old; for supper abundance of mush; sugar but no milk. This diet lacks in two things: variety and absence of either animal or vegetable fats or oils. Men are not in condition to work on it, and it is not surprising that the prisoners become lean and vary the dull monotony of life by counting ribs. Another evidence of the insufficiency of the food is that this prisoner, who is a working man, spent \$75 on food during his imprisonment, or nearly a dollar a week. Abundance of chickens, turkeys, strawberries, etc., are produced on the penitentiary farm, but those luxuries are retained by the officers. The convicts can only get them either by buying or stealing, as they sometimes do. A prisoner in the Oregon penitentiary having no money and no friends on the outside who take pity on him is in a sad plight; getting not little enough food to die of starvation, but not sufficient not to render even more bitter his hatred of the power-holding class which put him behind the bars. It is a wonder that our state criminal college does not send out more post graduates like Harry Tracy—Governor elect Chamberlain has promised that he will see to it that the "boys" have enough to eat.

Labor is able to travel on its own feet because labor has been compelled to walk without assistance. But the "infant industries" must be provided with "jumpers," "perambulators," patent walking devices and all kinds of supports and protection. The working masses must fight their own way, but capitalists must be given government bounty, protection and a chance to wrest an undue profit from the people. When laboring men organize and refuse to work unless paid remunerative wages they are called "anarchists," "disturbers of the peace," "menaces to society" and "agitators," but when capitalists organize and shut up one-half their mills in order to limit production and thereby force the people to pay tribute, it is called "the evolution of modern industrial methods" and the capitalists are called "captains of industry." When the laborers organize and attempt to force capital to terms, the militia is called out. When capitalists organize and force labor and the public to pay tribute, public officials talk about the "delicate machinery of our vast business system" and plead that nothing be done to disarrange the machinery.—Commoner.

The machinery of England is estimated to equal the labor-power of 700,000,000 men.

Linotype operators are being asked to go to South Africa for \$22.50 per week of forty-eight hours. Under the Boer government the minimum was \$30 for forty-two hours.

Thomas Reece, a British labor writer, states that there are to day in seventeen trades in Great Britain over 1,000,000 females working in factories, and the decrease of male labor due to it is becoming a serious labor problem.

## PE-RU-NA IS THE WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND, So Says Mrs. Rose, of New York City, And Tens of Thousands of Other Women.



Mrs. Jennie Rose, 362 W. Twenty-Second Street, New York City, writes: The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

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Mrs. James Eighmey, Grape, Mich., writes:

"I have been troubled with pain before and during my monthlies ever since I was seventeen. I was also troubled with other female weakness. I took your treatment, and am now well, and thank you for your kind advice."—Mrs. James Eighmey.

Mrs. John Meyers, Erhart, O., writes: "I have been a sufferer from chronic catarrh for years and have thereby lost the sense of smell entirely. I had four of the best physicians in this vicinity without receiving any benefit whatever.

"Now I am once more a well woman. I find Peruna to be the best medicine in the world as it has done me more good than my physician could have done for me. My friends say I look ten years younger. I tell them that Peruna did it. I can't thank you enough for your free advice."—Mrs. John Meyers.

Mrs. Ida Baker, Portsmouth, O., writes:

"I am glad to say that I am well. I have taken Peruna and feel better than I have for ten years; have gained twelve pounds and am still gaining. When I wrote to you for advice I had given up all hope of being well again, and I feel that it has saved my life."—Mrs. Ida Baker.

Allie Scott, of Franklin, Ky., in a letter to Dr. Hartman, says:

"For seven long years I had been a constant sufferer from catarrh of the pelvic organs which resulted in displacement of the uterus. I wrote you telling you all my complaints from the beginning to the present, made happy and much encouraged every time by your kind and fatherly letters of advice and instruction. I am now a strong woman weighing 148 pounds."—Allie Scott.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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