the cheapest, and in its accepted eignifi- man to observe and respect the principle cation it means that the highest-priced of mutual rights, and where she refuses is the cheapest. The observing consumer to do this as a just and reasonable canhas often demonstrated to his own ratis- cession to the comfort and convenience faction the truth of it, but students of of the general public, it is right and industrial progress when applying it to proper that compulsory measures shall the labor problem in America, have set be invoked. cheapest-paid labor is not necessarily would be the cause making it a necessity. the most economical, and that, in point of fact, high-priced American mechanics, by their efficiency at their machines, and by their alertness in providing the machines themselves, enable our products to be put on the market at a less cost than those made by chesper but less | Have just oper have on hand efficient workmen in other countries.

This is an attractive contention, and one that we should all like to believe in thoroughly; and an argument in its support in the January Engineering Magazine, by A. E. Outerbridge, is worth considering. His array of facts is impressive. The watch industry is a good one in which to study wages. We pay our watchmakers a great deal more than the Swise pay theirs, but our brighter operatives, with our miracle-working my care will be PROMPTLY and machinery, make 150 fine watches a carefully done. year to each man employed. The Swiss make only 40. The Swiss watchmaker can turn out 30 "pillars" a day, but the American operator, with the "Elgin pillar cutter," turns out 2000 per day. The result is that, despite the high wages paid our American watchmaking operatives, we export watches in great numbers to all parts of the world.

The high-priced mechanic perfects la bor-saving machinery in a way the cheap-labor workers can never be expected to do. The saving these new machines have brought into industrial processes is marvelous. Traveling cranes, operated by electric motors, save ARE ALL REACHED \$100 a day in certain locomotive works. In another place two of these American inventions do the work 60 men used to be employed for. A railroad shop is putting in two 50-ton electric traveling crapes to effect a saving in wages of \$30,-000 a year. When Hiram Maxim estab. PORTLAND and BAKER CITY liehed his machine shops in England, he had to come to America for his lathes Shortest Line to Spokane and operatives. The machines were old-fashioned and the operatives inefficient. In the American Machinist for May, 1896, M. Mandon, the French engineer, said that these fine labor-saving machines could be imported from America cheaper than they could be made in Paris, owing to the difference in efficiency of the operatives. A linotype manufacturer, who operated identical identical factories in Brooklyn and in Germany, building the same machine with like tools, fixtures and system of manufacture, found that, though labor in the Germany factory was 40 per cent cheaper than in Brooklyn, the American operatives, higher paid, produced the machines at a lower absolute cost.

We can enjoy Mr. Outerbridge's tribute to American skill without following him to all his conclusione. Few will agree with him that the bigh wages are the cause of the efficiency, and he almost seems to contradict this himself when he shows the growth of the differential rate system, in which the rapid worker is paid more per piece than his slower fellow, in recognition of the saving to the factory. He seems also to overlook the proper stress to be laid upon the enterprise of the American manufacturer. A member of the French Institute is quoted as attributing the supremacy of American manufactures to the wise economy of "unceasingly replacing out-of-date machines by new and improved types," and the European mind is depicted as generally startled at the celerity with which we throw away our old machines for new ones, instead of husbanding their declining powers, as the Europeans do. But surely it is a violent assumption to credit these coups de main of American business genius to the high wages of the operatives. The greater efficiency of the high priced American operative seems demonstrated, and must be considered in contemplation of Japanese and other competition. But high wages are not the sole secret of our power.-Oregonian.

A SLAP AT THE HAT.

While it ought not to be necessary to probibit, by ordinance, the wearing of big hats by women at public theaters, it is a matter in which the council may take a hand with perfect propriety, and in which it should interfere, if it should be found impossible to correct the avil by moral sussion. In this country there is a spirit of gallantry which yields to women the largest measure of liberty, and which recoils from imposing upon them certain restraints to which men are compelled to submit.

It is sort of an American idea that a woman should be permitted to dress as she pleases, and that any infringment tyranny. But this does not justify any woman in the abuse of a privilege which she may indulge, to the serious annoyance of others. When a man pays the required price for a seat at a theater, he is entitled to an unobstructed view of the performance, and no woman has a shadow of a right to interpose her millinery between his vision and the stage.

By way of illustration, let the case be reversed. Suppose, for example, that men were permitted to wear their hats in the theaters and at public entertainments. How much profit or enjoyment would anyone realize from the performauce? Euch an injustice would not be tolerated for a moment. The boor who whould sttempt an outrage of that sort would be incontinently ejected, and be put down as upfit for association with civilized people. But why should the rule not work both ways? It is just as

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