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DRAWING A LINE

There are more lines than the color line. Another has just been drawn. It may be pointed to with interest rather than pride.

The National Library party has come into existence. No good reason appears for it, but some things happen in a general way. It is an amalgamation of free thinkers for political purposes. Its object seems to be to attack in every possible way all church institutions, conventions and the church itself.

There is no legitimate excuse for free thinkers to go into politics. When they get there they are meddlers as truly as are sectarian busybodies. They can free think to the limit of mental capacity, and there is none to prevent. They do not want chaplains in the army. The dying soldier wants a chaplain. They do not want chaplains in the navy. The soldier listens gladly to the voice of prayer.

People are not coerced into being religious. If such is their bent, they have a right to follow it. If they desire to enter a church, the door is open. Nobody tries to haul them in. They can observe Sunday by some form of worship or they can go fishing. This is real free thought.

They have barred out free lovers. This does not seem fair. The free lover is merely a free thinker who carries his theories into living. Free thought must not be confined to a particular line. If disregard of recognized usages is right, disregard them all, and be very free indeed, so long as the police can be appeased.

As a matter of fact, this is a religious people. It does not want to be a nation without churches, because history has taught that the Godless nations pass away. The elements that support morality are the elements that support the churches. The church community is the school community. The churches do not intrude. They cannot lay down rules for the government of non-membership, nor do they attempt this.

An organization for the purpose of fighting the churches will never acquire standing. From the first it will be branded as pernicious. There will flock to it no good citizenship, no philanthropy. If it acquires any showing of members, this must come from the criminal strata, and the free lover will be a necessity. To exclude him or her seems illogical. Emma Goldman is an ideal free thinker, and this cruel rule would bar her.

LOSSER OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Shakespeare used about 15,000 different words and Milton about 7900. Few writers, no matter how much they have written, have had a vocabulary exceeding 5000 words. For the ordinary conversation of an educated man 3000 different words suffice. There are peasants in Europe who, it is said, do not know more than 500 words. Doubtless 300 words or less could cover the range of ideas in the mind of a savage in Central Africa.

In English, as in every language, a vast wealth of words lies buried in books, like the jewels of the tomb of a Pharaoh, while a few familiar and

hackneyed words are repeated day after day, in the press, in books, in pulpits in daily talk, as though the English tongue were poor in words and incapable of giving true and fresh symbols for every idea, no matter how new or strange. Archbishop Trench, whose books on words are an astounding mine of valuable learning, said that, in this regard, we are "like some workman who, being furnished for an operation that will challenge all his skill with a dozen different tools, each adapted for its own special purpose, should in his indolence and self-conceit persist in using only one, doing coarsely what might have been done finely, or leaving altogether undone that which, with such assistance, was quite within his reach."

We have lost from our common and even from our literary speech hundreds of such good and expressive words as earthy (agriculture), comelint (stranger), tangy or tongueful (obnoxious), allivity (omniscient), witward (testimony), gadpater (evangelist), turmagans (revelation), songsmith (poet), redeaman (counselor), overwin (vanquish), yearday (anniversary), evenhood (equality), ear-shrift (auricular confession), water-fright (chrysothrips), exenible of in-wyte (remorse of conscience), outgangers (immigrants), hamestings (natives), neednos (superfluous), pullbacks (hindrances), underyoke (subjugation), fars-elder (predecessor), outrake (except), outdrive (sexpell), backjaw (retort), morross (punilint), middler (mediator). All of these words were once the common coin of English speech and were used by well-known authors such as Chaucer, Wyclif, Fuller, Spenser, Florio, and Shakespeare. Hardly one of them does not bear its meaning on its face. They are like so many diamonds lost at the bottom of the sea.

There is hardly a book more interesting or commanding more curious learning than a medical dictionary. Every one has heard of the old woman who liked to read the dictionary "because the stories were so short," but many of the masters of English prose and verse counsel the dictionary all their lives and took from it much profit and delight. Words have histories as strange and full of change and incident as the histories of people. Take, for example, the familiar word, "pagan." Originally, in Latin, "pagani" meant a village, and "pagani" were villagers. The word then had no religious import. It was applied sometimes to all civilians to distinguish them from soldiers. The Christian church found its earliest converts in the cities, and heathen superstitions and practices flourished in the villages and hamlets long after the towns of the Roman Empire had become Christian. Hence an antithesis arose between pagan and Christian. The first use of the word "pagan" as the contrary of "Christian" was in an edict of the Emperor Valentinian dated A. D. 368. "Heathen" had a similar origin in Germany. It sprang from the word "health."

All this information and much more can be found in various books written by Richard Chenevix Trench, D. D., who was, as his title pages tell, archbishop of Dublin and chancellor of the Order of St. Patrick.

OUR ARMY THE BEST.

Our army is the most effective and efficient organization in the world. The reason for this is the men are well paid as well as well fed. Good food and good pay, however, will not always make a good soldier. He must have steady nerves, a good digestion and strong constitution. To fight disease it is also necessary to have the same requirements, but if you are weak and nervous, there is a medicine that will strengthen your system. We refer to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. For fifty years it has been making weak people strong and sickly people well. We therefore urge you to try a bottle and satisfy yourself. It is a specific remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, flatulency, nervousness and malaria, fever and ague.

Dr. Parkhurst says that it does a man more harm to enter a saloon by a side door and have one drink than to go in at the front door and become drunk. By this it looks as though the worst thing of all would be to go in at the back door and have nothing at all.

CHILD WORTH MILLIONS.

"My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird of Harrisburg, Pa. "yet I would have lost her by a crowd had I not purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." One Minute Cough Cure is sure cure for cough, croup and throat and lung troubles. An absolutely safe cough cure which acts immediately. The youngest child can take it with entire safety. The little ones like the taste and remember how often it helped them. Every family should have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure handy. At this season especially it may be needed suddenly. CHAS. ROGERS.

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Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not so careful. As a remedy DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Drawn out the fire, stops the pain, soon heals the wound. Beware of counterfeits. Sure cure for piles. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my baby of eczema after two physicians gave her up," writes James Meek, N. Webster, Ind. "The sores were so bad she soiled two to five dresses a day." CHAS. ROGERS.

An eastern court has decided that the blacklist is legal, but it was unable to disguise the fact that it is mighty mean.

A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demko, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$100 and never could get anything to help me until I used Kold Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kold Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kold Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. CHAS. ROGERS.

A couple who committed suicide at a Chicago hotel left a note stating where their pictures might be found. The news they possessed was not all required for the mere act of suicide.

DON'T LIVE TOGETHER.

Constipation and health never go together. DeWitt's Little Early Risers promote easy action of the bowels without distress. "I have been troubled with constiveness nine years," says J. O. Greene, DePaul, Ind. "I have tried many remedies but Little Early Risers give best results." CHAS. ROGERS.

For some reason the news agencies seem to think the fact that the Prince of Wales is not being insulted in Germany constitutes news.

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There's no rest for those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always busy, curing Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Biliousness, Fever and Ague. They break Sick Headache and drive out Malaria. Never arise or weaken. Small, taste nice, weak wonders. Try them. 25 cents at Hart's Drugstore.

The thief who overlooked the hundred millions of taels concealed in the palace at Peking now feel like the other burglars who miss the contents of the safe and get merely the change there happens to be on top.

NOTICE.

During the absence in China of Ah Dogg, senior partner and general manager of the Hop Hing Lung Company, the affairs of the firm will be managed by Ju Young, through whom all business must be transacted. HOP HING LUNG & CO., 318 Bond St., Astoria.

St. Louis has had an earthquake, which will not be heralded as a move in reality.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind. "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three 40-cent bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 15 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Grippe, Bronchitis and All Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hart's Drugstore. The cold snap seems to be particularly a snare for the plumber.

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Constipation means dullness, depression, headache, generally disordered health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers stimulate the liver, opens the bowels and relieves the conditions. Safe, speedy and thorough. They never gripe. Favorite pills. Chas. Rogers, druggist.

The commissioner of Indian affairs has issued a ukase to the effect that poor Lou must cut his hair off—short. If a man's hair can't be long on his head, where does it belong?

A THOUSAND DOLLARS THROWN AWAY.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainview, Neb., writes: "My wife had long trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks to this great remedy, it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it." Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

A bill has been introduced in New York state to prohibit flirting in the streets. The dear girls won't complain much so long as the legislature doesn't get on to the shady nook game.

Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Kidney complaint kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Prince Henry will bring a cannon as a gift to German veterans, but the prince will be the big gun.

CLERK'S WISE SUGGESTION.

"I have been lately troubled much with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested that I try Kold Dyspepsia Cure which I did with most happy results. I have had no more trouble and when one can go to eating mince pie, cheese, candy and nuts after such a time, their digestion must be pretty good. I endorse Kold Dyspepsia Cure heartily." You don't have to diet. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. Kold Dyspepsia Cure digests your food. CHAS. ROGERS.

Of course there is a blizzard raging in Nebraska. That's what winters there are for.

The most reliable preparation for kidney troubles on the market is Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Sousa has written a novel entitled "The Fifth String." Looks as if the lost chord had been found.

A NIGHT ALARM.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death-knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. F. L. Cardler, of Manalinton, Ky., writes: "My three-year old girl had a severe case of croup. The doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose gave quick relief and saved her life. I refuse substitutes. Sold by Hart's Drugstore."

President Hill has been making hypnotic passes at the business men of Minnesota, but the governor is proving a difficult subject.

THE LAST HEARD OF IT.

"My little boy took the croup one night and soon grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house," says F. D. Reynolds, Mansfield, O. "We feared he would die, but a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure quickly relieved him and he went to sleep. That's the last we heard of the group. Now isn't a cough cure like that valuable? One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts immediately. For coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis and all other throat and lung troubles it is a certain cure. Very pleasant to take. The little ones like it—Charles Rogers, druggist."

Presents to London bride reached a value of nearly two million dollars. Such a layout would reconcile her to almost any sick of a husband.

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

A New York violinist has secured a verdict of \$5000 against a railroad that had deprived him of a leg. Possibly he is one of the freak artists who perform with their toes.

"I suffered such pain from curls I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill. "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by Hart's Drugstore. Price 25 cents.

"Tay Pay" O'Connor has made another fighting speech, a process almost as safe as conducting pugilism by mail.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Charles Schwab is classed as an optimist. Anybody drawing his salary and yet having the nerve to be anything else would be a more remarkable person than Mr. Schwab.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough caused by attack of la grippe. It heals the lungs. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

It is comforting to realize that Rear Admiral Spenly has so much more sense than some of his friends.

Secretary Gage seems to have an embarrassment of offers. Perhaps the 325,000 positions he talked about are coming at him in a bunch.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Drugstore. Price 50c.

Schwab is said to be hunting up poor relatives. Ordinarily, poor relatives save the rich this trouble.

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