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SENTIMENT VERSUS FACT.

A certain magazine, presumably popular, in announcing a change of management, prints a most extraordinary manifesto of its new policy. Its editors believe in the vision of promise. They hold that the inspiration of sentiment is highest and that the poetical views will prevail where other methods fail. They are avowedly optimists, defying the fact that optimism, like pessimism, necessarily is a variation from the truth. Forgetting or ignoring that the exact estimate only is safe, they bind themselves to a policy of enthusiasm, which means a policy of prejudice. Promising revelations of political corruption, the perils of centralization of capital and other stereotyped themes of the sensational periodical, they announce in the same breath that the impression is superior to the fact. This announcement is in keeping with the methods of the periodicals foremost in all the muck-raking agitation. Sentiment has been substituted for fact, enthusiasm for consideration. The impression has been accepted for the truth and poetry printed as statistics. Like Macaulay, the latterday publicist of this school prefers a neatly turned paragraph in which the truth is distorted to a dull sentence in which the truth is given. As to what their conclusion could be, they themselves seem indifferent—Butte Inter-Mountain.

GERMAN DOCTRINE.

They do not fool themselves in Germany about the value of an ocean marine in promoting an export trade. Export, a prominent paper devoted to commercial matters, declares that it is the excellence of the service given by German steamship companies which has enabled Germany to invade all parts of the world with its products. When the Germans know a thing they act upon their knowledge. They reached the conclusion that Great Britain's world power depended on her merchant marine, and they went in for a merchant marine of their own. We understand the matter as well as the Germans, but have always permitted ourselves to be frightened by the word "subsidy." If we had the courage to take the commercial bull by the horns and treat the ocean carrying trade precisely as we have other industries, we should soon have as good fleets as any that sail the seas, and the result would be a great augmentation of our exports, which already exceed those of any other nation.—S. F. Chronicle.

KEEP AN EYE ON THEM.

The South American countries need watching. Argentina, which most of us are inclined to regard as an agricultural country, without serious manufacturing pretensions, has gone into the business of making leather and shoes. In the tanning industry alone six thousand men are employed, and the one hundred shoe factories turn out annually about 18,000,000 pairs, and in addition there are sixty factories that make alpargatas, a shoe worn largely by the natives. This is a very creditable showing and justifies the assumption ventured by broadminded protectionists, that some day in the not remote future, the whole world will have developed manufacturing ability to such an extent that the wild aspiration of the British of the middle of

the last century, to be the workshop of the globe, will seem like a silly dream of the remotest past.—Ex.

MEAT LABELS NOT ARTICULATE.

The federal meat inspection law is now in force. Within a few days the new labels will be within the reach of every citizen of the United States. The packed goods and the cuts alike must be tabbed, if used in interstate commerce. How will the state, county and city government forward the reform in regard to meat traffic other than interstate, and how will that court of last appeal, the people, go about helping themselves? It will be interesting to learn what percentage of buyers, in the coming months, either read the can labels or ask for the labels on the cuts. The labels of themselves are not articulate. They will not cry out, "Come and read me!" or "I am an old label and the meat is not fit, so they stuck me up here on the shelf!" Secretary Wilson merely can tab the meat; the buyer must protect himself.—Ex.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Forty years ago the seven great London hospitals spent annually for alcohol \$40,000 and \$10,000 for milk. Now the larger sum is spent for milk and the smaller for alcohol. In the infirmary at Salisbury twenty-five years ago, \$1,500 a year was spent for alcoholic liquors. In 1905 it was only \$35. This is due to greater knowledge of its nature and effects.

Did you ever watch the man with nothing to do? Well, he has the hardest job of any one we ever studied. Loading and idling time away may look good to the man who is putting in ten hours a day for six days out of the week, but let him loaf for a couple of weeks and the chances are that he will be the most unhappy and discontented man in town.

Is there anything more exasperating than to have somebody who is talking to look over your head, or to one side of you, all the time he is trying to convey his thought to you? If a man will not look you in the face, while he talks, you may be pretty sure that you will not lose much if you turn your ears in another direction.

Almost every town has a character who sprained his back in 1863, or thereabouts. He is physically unable to work, but he can sit all day on a hard box in a livery stable playing checkers while his wife chases underbreeces up and down the wash board to keep him in smoking tobacco and grub.

"You can't tell a man from Chicago anything." That answer won the \$10 prize for the following question, "How can you tell a Chicagoan?" The second prize was given to a woman from Goshen, Ind., who said "Whisper canned meat" and "look at his wife's feet!"

An exchange remarks that "a St. Louis woman who was sued for payment of a costly pair of corsets, will endeavor to prove in court that they did not fit her snugly." St. Louis is in Missouri, you know.

The school census gives Chicago a population of 1,780,000, whereas the city directory's estimate is 2,300,000. We can't help believing that there is carelessness somewhere in connection with these guesses.

New York is the second great seaport in the world. In 1903 over nine million tons of imports and eight million seven hundred thousand tons of exports were cleared through New York harbor.

More than 11,000,000 pieces of mail went astray in these United States last year, because they were not directed well enough for the experts to decipher the names and addresses.

As evidence that the Indian Territory has reached a stage of civilization that entitles her to statehood, one druggist is advertising "house paint, face paint and nose paint."

A prominent man once said, "The only difference between a rut and a grave is the width and the depth." So don't get into a rut, but learn how other men do business.

The United States consumes 26,872,700 barrels of salt annually or a barrel for every three persons in the land. Last year it went abroad for only 1,151,133 barrels.

There are 90 inhabitants in Woodruff, Wis., and there are 15 saloons and one general store. There is a closing ordinance, but that applies to the store.

Spain is saving large sums of money every day by not having Cuba on its hands now.

Electricity Is Still Undeveloped
By CHARLES FRANCIS BRUSH, One of the Inventors of Electric Lighting

ELECTRICITY is a conundrum. Some scientists say it is a mode of motion in the ether, as is light, for instance. Others believe that it is composed of corpuscles or subatoms, each of these minute particles being endowed with a definite electric charge **INSEPARABLE FROM IT.**

A third group hold that the corpuscle is wholly electric and constitutes a material atom of electricity. So far, however, we have nothing better than **THEORIES.** The truth itself has not been established. Electricity, like gravity, is one of the unexplained phenomena of nature. Who can define gravity?

Discoveries in electricity will continue. Ten thousand able men are investigating and experimenting in all parts of the world. We may have no important discoveries for ten years. That happens sometimes. Then they follow in quick succession and **STARTLE MANKIND.** I believe the telephone to be the greatest discovery of the age. We could use steam for power and gas for lighting, but there is no substitute for the telephone. Radium, a marvelous revelation of one of the secrets of nature, may help to clear up the mysteries which now conceal the truth concerning electricity and gravity and work other wonders of which we little dream.

The inventor's lot is not always a happy one. In defending my patents at first there was spent from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year, and I paid half of it out of my own pocket. As it happened we ran right into a most extraordinary period of patent litigation and decisions. Patent rights had been shamefully abused in all directions. Farmers especially had suffered. A churn agent would come along, to be followed in a little while by a man who **BLACKMAILED THE FARMER** into paying damages for infringement. Accordingly, the judges of the United States courts went to the other extreme, and for ten years, so far as I know, not a single patent was sustained on a trial of the case.

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 - Fred H. Moore and wife to Patrick Lawler, undivided 1-2 lot 8 in block 9; lots 7 and 8 in block 20, Warrinton..... 300
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