

Child Labor in England and Its Effects

BY LADY HENRY SOMERSET

HOW mysterious are the ways of Providence. Why is it that children of the tenderest years are subjected to the fiercest tortures? God gives us His Holy Spirit to amend our hearts and lives, for we are desperately wicked. They who do such things, and who do not prevent them, shall I deliver my poor children in the print work's God be with me!

Thus wrote the great Lord Shaftesbury in 1845, when he was in the midst of the stupendous undertaking of endeavoring to pass the factory legislation that should protect the children of the country from the crushing conditions under which they were being compelled to work. Lord Ashley, as he then was called, was not without the work with the civility of a Sir Galahad. Tempting offers of a seat in the cabinet had been made again and again, but he had abandoned his schemes of reform, but nothing moved him from his holy purpose.

The lives of the children in the cotton and calico works had specially stirred his pity and indignation. Their employment began between the age of 7 to 9, but cases were known of babies beginning work from 3 to 4 years of age. Hours for young girls were intolerably long, often lasting from 16 to 18 hours a day.

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Why There is No Hope of Macedonia

BY LORD EDGAR NEWTON

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And, in face of this elementary fact, the governments of the great powers profess to believe in a satisfactory solution of the Macedonian difficulty.

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Our Homes Must Fit Us Like Our Clothes

BY BAILEY MILLARD

CHARLES KEELER, the poet, says there is a movement in California toward a simpler, a more vital art expression. It is a movement which includes painters and poets, composers and sculptors, and only lacks coordination at its significant influence upon modern life.

For a boss carpenter or contractor to style himself an architect and hang out his sign shingle. We must demand of our architect that he be a real creative artist; that he understand form and proportion, that he be a man of taste and originality; that he appreciate not merely the general type, but the inner spirit of the architecture of other peoples and other ideals of culture.

Every material in the manner for which it is structurally best adapted. For example, he says that the arch of masonry is the strongest structural use of wood, on the contrary, has no structural value, and is a mere imitation of a useful building form.

To Reclaim the Desert

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

HITCHCOCK has set aside from the irrigation fund a sum of \$1,000,000 to begin building the Pathfinders dam on the Yellowstone and Sweetwater rivers is the first to be begun under the new arrangement for irrigation by the United States government.

The Fall of the Society Favorites

BY MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN

WITHIN the past few weeks the country has been shocked by the downfall of two society favorites in what is known as the best society.

To be recognized by royalty and the ultra-fashionable has become a sort of mania with a great many Americans, who are otherwise sensible, practical people, and whose antecedents would be distinguished in any family.

A French Name for a Persian Game

THE popular description of poker as the great American game must fall back into the ranks of exploded myths, along with Sheridan's ride and the moon hoax.

at present applied to European playing cards, five cards in each suit. The old Persian pack had no aces, court cards and spades, like ours, but each suit was made up of pictures which ranked: lion, king, lady, soldier and dancing girl.

in the French descriptions of the game we are told that a player opened the betting by saying, "Je pique d'un jeton," or two chips, or as many as he pleased and that then the others could see him, raise him, or drop out in their hands.

Will Power vs. Astrology

BY BOB E. GREGORY

A YOUNG man writes to say that he is really discouraged and that he has been to "one of the leading astrologers in the city, and was told that there was very little chance of his being successful in life, except in a humble way.

Even All Partners Abandoned

From the Chicago Journal (Rep.), It is interesting to note that the revision and the ratification of reciprocal trade treaties with foreign nations, in fact, all this came to be embodied under the title of the "Iowa idea," and Governor Cummins was its chief exponent.

Truth in the Case

From the New York Herald. "Why is it that people have lost their ball in hell?" "They haven't. They're merely gone out on a mental strike against it."