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**DREAMS AND VISIONS.**

From The Hague, where the international peace commission is in session, came two utterances on Sunday which express the essence of the question before that august assemblage, says the Review.

"Arbitration," said Professor Von Stengel of the German delegation, "is impracticable when two nations are divided by a vital issue, while in less important questions it exists already."

Visions and dreams arrayed against the overwhelming weight of the history of all nations in all ages!

Prof. Von Stengel has put the question in a nutshell. The trouble with arbitration is the coming of a time when nations will not arbitrate; when both sides are sullen and determined to put the issue to the test of the sword.

Even the benign plan of the czar, when reduced to its final analysis, contemplates resort to armed force. Arbitration is to be compulsory. That is to say, if one of the powers should refuse to yield to the decree of the international board of arbitration, the other members of the league would employ their armies and navies to force unwilling compliance.

Suppose, for example, Great Britain should lose in the great court of arbitration, and its government should be directed to perform a task repugnant to the heart of the British nation. Its statesmen and its press and people might sincerely believe that compliance with the decree would mean loss of national prestige, and sacrifice of vast commercial interests. It might be the case that the decree indirectly would menace also the commercial interests of the United States. Russia, France, Germany, Italy and Austria would then set about the task of enforcing with armies and navies the decree of the arbitrators. Their zeal and activity would be measured, of course, by the degree of selfish interests involved in the question. It is not improbable that America would spring to the assistance of England, and that one or more of the minor powers would become their allies. As a result the world would shake with the tread of armed legions; and all this in the name of peace!

In the words of "Truthful James," there "is visions about," and The Hague is the head center of their development.

There is a good deal of comment concerning the proposition advanced in these columns some days ago for assessing a part of the cost of keeping the insane wards of the state upon their own property, or upon that of their well to do relatives, on whom they would otherwise be dependent. The justness of this is apparent. The state has provided the facilities at large expense, and it must maintain the institution at a heavy cost, for the keeping and treatment of the unfortunates who have neither property themselves nor

relatives who are able to provide for them. The state, representing the general public, having gone to such trouble and expense, those who are thus afforded facilities for care and treatment of those depending upon them, ought not to expect to have all this free of cost, if they are able to pay. Many of them would willingly pay. They frequently offer to do so now. But there is no authority to receive the money. The millionaire in the Oregon asylum is a pauper to the state treasury.—Salem Statesman.

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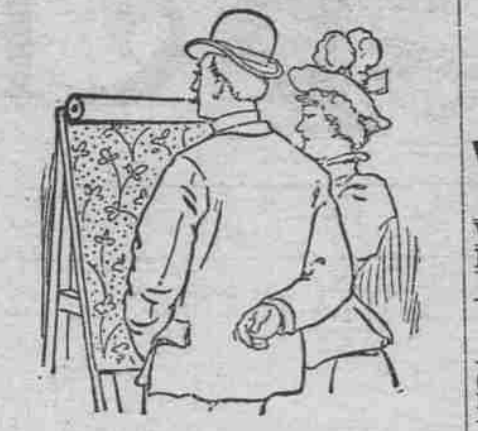
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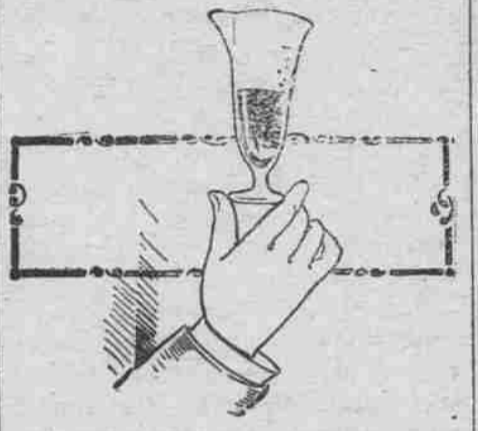
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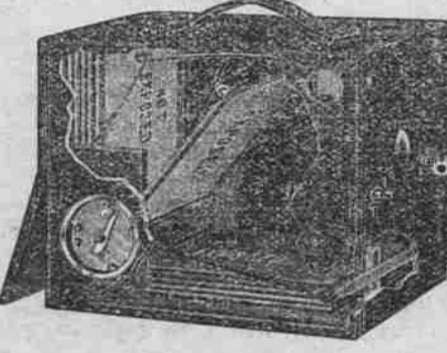
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