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ANOTHER PLAIN DUTY.

It is the case of a "plain duty" repeated. Mr. Roosevelt in his message to congress said it was obviously our duty to give Cuba relief in lower tariff schedules, and the president hinted that the nation was bound in honor to do so. Now the protected sugar lobby, headed by Mr. Oxnard, comes to the front, alongside of the tobacco trust, and the two demand that no concession be granted. Congress listens to them, and apparently disregards the stentorian tones and commanding manner of the nation as it goes to its representatives that they must give relief to Cuba.

Why should we relieve Cuba? Because we cut off Cuba's once rich market in Spain, and constructively added one here. Cuban people never doubted that this country would exercise fostering care over her. She consented to placing herself under our virtual control, even though she has theoretical freedom. The United States exercises authority guaranteed by the Cuban constitution to vice all foreign negotiations. It is in return for past promises, in compensation as well for concessions made by Cuba in these respects, that we should consent to her in the matter of the tariff. Not to do so would be perfidy.

BANISH THE PISTOL.

Young men of the West, banish the pistol. Enact a social law compelling its exile. Adopt a code that will relegate it to its deserved obscurity. Put the guns from your pockets and throw them into the old iron piles. Hang them out in the rain and allow them to rust until they are impotent for harm.

The law of the state demands it. The law of the growing sentiment of the people, more potent than written law, asks you to cease carrying weapons. The day has passed when in the West there is peculiar excuse for the indiscriminate bearing of arms by the body of the citizenship. These communities are not desirous now for pistol vindication. It is true that the West has not quite reached the point when people view the pistol as they do in older localities. But there is improvement, and nowadays a man may be a man without filling his pockets with explosive possibilities and going about prepared to kill or wound his fellow man.

Banish the pistol.
Exile the pistol.
Relegate it to obscurity.

ENDING A NOVEL.

Admirers of Hall Caine wonder why he persists in ending his novels in a manner to disappoint every reader. His last and greatest story, "The Eternal City," charms the reader, and holds attention to the sad ending. It is strong. It is the finest work from the pen of Caine. It warrants hope that it will live. But, it is disappointing. Why, when a novelist is omnipotent, does not he close his stories without sending the reader to bed with strained heart strings, after remaining up into the small hours of the morning to end the tale? Why does Caine this? Is tragedy better than sweetness and happiness as the closing of a story? There is not the shadow of a doubt that exactly 100,000 people have execrated Hall Caine for ending "The Eternal City" with the death of Rome. Every one of them wished that she might have had a short period of peace and contentment after suffering through her

while life. What is the influence of such heart-rending closings of fascinating tales? Do they make for brighter views of life, or confirm the pessimist in his contentions? Do they help people or hinder them? Are they essential to the art of the writer? Is the tragic ending needed by him who would produce the great in literature?

Again, Hall Caine raises the question of a woman's ability to rise from a life of sin to a position of respect among her fellows, as men often rise. Hall Caine, in "The Eternal City," does all but establish the fact, for he kills Roma after she is forgiven by her husband, and grown back into the love of the Roman people. He proves his point, but discourages every woman who might class with Roma, by making it seem to be necessary that all women that have sinned must die in order to be happy. Why not tell us once of a woman who sinned and was in some corner of the world again reinstated in the place that all good women should occupy, the respect and affection of the people for one who has had enough of good to battle against bad tendencies and conquer them?

RECIPROCITY BY THE POPE.

The holy father has resumed his public audiences, and last Sunday at noon received about 250 persons of all nations in the great audience chamber of the vatican. They were mostly Catholics; many of them had come long distances, and some had been waiting weeks for the opportunity. The larger number were French but there were a good many English and Americans, a good share of the latter being Protestants. It was the first public audience he has given this season, and was very much modified from former occasions of the kind, which is necessary because of his increasing weakness.

The doctors say, as I told you in a recent letter, that the pope is a well man, and his only disease is age. His vitality is extremely low and his light flickers. Most of his time is spent in a reclining chair, gathering his strength for the duties he is required to perform, and these public audiences are more taxing and exhausting than anything else he does, although he has passed the period of life when the nerves can be excited, and has reached, beyond all living men, that state of existence which the Buddhists strive to acquire—a serene and holy calm. His manner is so completely under control that it would be difficult to provoke him, and that is one reason of his long life. Had Leo XIII been a passionate man he would have been dead long ago.

In fact he was almost as feeble at the time he was elected pope as he is now, and that fact was one of the chief arguments in favor of his election. There was a deadlock in the college of cardinals, Cardinal Franchi, his chief opponent, having a large minority, which prevented him from obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote. An arrangement was entered into between the friends of the two candidates under which the supporters of Cardinal Franchi agreed to cast their votes for Cardinal Pecci, with the understanding that he should appoint Cardinal Franchi papal secretary of state and that the supporters of Pecci should elect Cardinal Franchi pope when Pecci died, as they expected him to do in very short time. This arrangement has been fulfilled as far as lay in the power of man. Pecci was elected and Franchi was made papal secretary of state, but the invalid whose death was so confidently expected, will enter upon the twenty-fourth year of his pontificate February 20, and a few days later upon the ninety-third year of his life, having been born March 2, 1810. Franchi was a healthy, robust specimen of physical perfection, twenty years younger than Pecci, but he died within four years after the election, and Pecci has outlived not only him, but every other cardinal who cast a vote at that time. He has buried 137 cardinals and has created 121.

Since the crucifixion of Christ, when Peter, the fisherman of Galilee, became the head of the church, or the pope, as the occupant of the office has been called since the fifth century, 263 persons have been elected to the office, and their average term has been about seven years. Only 12 popes have reigned over twenty years; only two have exceeded the term of Leo XIII. St. Peter had the longest reign of any of the popes, from the year 33, when the church is supposed to have been organized at Antioch, to the year 67, the date of the crucifixion, a period of thirty-four years. There has been no Peter II. Popes chose their own titles, but none have been willing to assume that hallowed name. The following is a list of the popes who have reigned twenty years and more:
St. Peter, .33-67, .34 years.
St. Sylvester, .314-335, .21.
St. Leo, the Great, .440-561, .21.
Hadrian I, .772-795, .23.
St. Leo III, .795-816, .21.
Alexander III, .1159-1181, .22.
Urban VIII, .1623-1644, .21.
Clement XI, .1700-1721, .21.
Pius VI, .1775-1799, .24.
Pius VII, .1800-1823, .23.
Pius IX, .1846-1878, .32.
Leo XIII, .1878, .23.

There have been only seven popes

in the last 125 years. During the turbulent times of the middle ages, from 896 to 1012, there were 32 popes. From 476, the fall of the Roman empire, during the reign of Romulus Augustus, to the restoration of the holy Roman Empire under Charlemagne in 800, there were fifty-three popes, averaging six years and one month. Of the 262 popes who preceded Leo XIII, eighty-eight were canonized, all the popes being canonized up to the year 530. Thirteen popes have borne the name of Leo and five of them have been canonized.

The following are the number of popes in each century:
First century, 4
Second century, 11
Third century, 15
Fourth century, 11
Fifth century, 12
Sixth century, 13
Seventh century, 20
Eighth century, 12
Ninth century, 21
Tenth century, 23
Eleventh century, 18
Twelfth century, 16
Thirteenth century, 17
Fourteenth century, 10
Fifteenth century, 13
Sixteenth century, 17
Seventeenth century, 11
Eighteenth century, 8
Nineteenth century, 6

There have been seven popes as aged as Leo XIII. Calixtus III, one of the Borgias, was 78 years old at the time of his election in 1455, and lived three years afterward. Clement X (1670) was 80 years old when he was elected and reigned six years. Clement (1730) was also eighty, and reigned eight years. Celestine III, was 85 when he was elected in 1191, and reigned seven years. Gregory IX, was 84 when he was elected in 1227, and lived to be 100 years old.—Wm. E. Curtis.

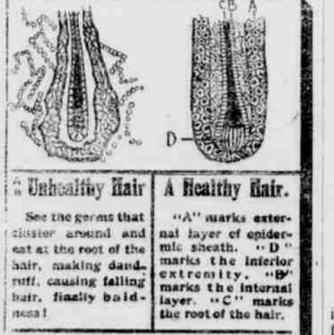
LAY OF THE LOST GRAFTER.

The day was long, the wind was cold, The grafter was infirm and old; The last of all the "gang" was he, Who held the law a mockery. Alone he stood, apart from all, Within the busy city hall, And watched the toll and earnest ways Of civil service employes.

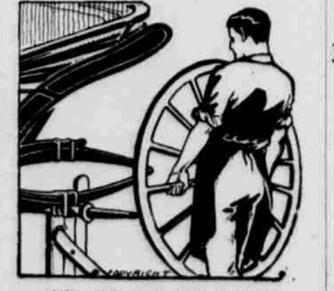
"Alas!" he said, "and can it be That this is all that's left of me? Are all my triumphs of the past Sunk to the measure small at last? What boots it now that I have been The main cog in the old machine, If to a city job the right Must put me down in black and white?"

"Of what avail I should be The victor at the primary, If every man that I supply Is skinned out of some college guy? That this should be the present game Is what I call a measly shame; And things are in a pretty fix When there's no graft in politics."

The greater grafter paused; then gazed around His old familiar stamping ground— The place where once his mighty word Had ruled without a protest heard. One long, last look he gave and then, Elbowed and shovled by restless men, Like one who quits a hopeless fray, Once pursued his weary way. —Chicago News.



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