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He that cannot refrain from much speaking is like a city without walls, and less pains in the world a man cannot take, than to hold his tongue; therefore if thou observest this rule in all assemblies, thou shalt seldom err; restrain thy choler, hearken much, and speak little; for the tongue is the instrument of the greatest good and greatest evil in the world.—Sir Walter Raleigh.

SLAVES TO THEIR DOLLARS.

There are six slaves in New York City this year, who will not take a summer vacation. In vain the bewitching Adirondacks and the health-giving Catskills may beckon to these drudging serfs.

The cool lakes and trout streams of New England will not freshen their spirits nor animate them with a new lease on life. These six toilers are chained to their desks. The cross of labor bears heavily upon them. The dim office is their prison and their dollars are their relentless masters.

Clerks may take vacations and enjoy life while it is passing, but not so with these imprisoned slaves. Farmers, mechanics, business and professional men may take their merry families to resorts, and mountains—not so with these driven drudges.

In Wall street these six slaves have their offices and own, among them, \$600,000,000. They know no rest nor recreation. They feel no freedom from the awful task of guarding their holdings and at their heels, day and night, they hear the demon of greed, and feel the smart of his goad stick, whenever the thought of a vacation comes into their mind.

The richest and puniest of this sextett is John D. Rockefeller, worth \$300,000,000. His only diversion is golfing and he is so wasted by excessive mental strain that he can only half play the game, and never takes a long vacation.

George Jay Gould, who owns \$100,000,000, will not take a vacation this summer. His increasing business will demand his attention. His stenographers, who get from \$12 to \$20 per week, will spend two weeks each in the Catskills.

John W. Gates, the free lance of Wall street, worth \$20,000,000, aged 54, loves poker, horse racing and theaters, and is a fiend on matching pennies with the office boys. He cannot spare time to rest this year.

Russell Sage, the chief miser of American miserdom, owns \$100,000,000, and is never so happy as when cutting down living expenses. He is 86 years old and works harder every day in the year than any clerk in his employ. When asked recently where he would spend his vacation, he laid his hand upon an oak desk before which he has sat for 50 years.

Jim Keene, the rival of Harriman, the shrewd, keen, far-seeing, unfeeling prince of financiers, has a wonderful vitality and at 60, does not feel that he can spare time from his \$25,000,000 fortune to breathe the country air for a week.

And not the least among this group of pitiful slaves, is the great John Pierpont Morgan, with a private fortune of \$60,000,000, and head of the most gigantic combine of capital on earth.

While some of his greatest schemes are conceived while resting, away from financial cares, he will confine himself to his growing business this year and will dock his clerks for time they lose on a two weeks' vacation.

The man on medium ground is the happy man, after all. The extreme

of wealth is as pitiful as the extreme of poverty. In the one, a man wastes his life pining for relief from his surfeit; in the other, a man wastes his life pining for the bare necessities. At the last, the two lie down naked, side by side, and the turf is leveled over them, and the world rolls round and round.

Clarence S. Darrow, who was appointed attorney for the coal miners by President Roosevelt, in a recent address on "Unionism," in Chicago, said that the union fever had become so strong that many of the most worthy labor organizations had been suddenly filled up without discrimination, with men who do not understand the principles of organization, and who are willing to hide behind the union, while satisfying a narrow personal spite against worthy business institutions which are absolutely just in their dealings. He said the greatest danger confronting the unions is the "hot heads," who will not reason, who refuse to think. This class of men do not seek peace, they only seek revenge. They are willing to wreck their organization in order to declare a boycott or force a strike. They are surely and certainly bringing the public to look in distrust on all unions and will sooner or later destroy the entire power of the unions for good.

The state of Oregon should be ashamed of the necessity which forces boards of regents to reduce the salary of teachers for want of funds, instead of raising them. While the legislature was wasting the people's time and money last winter in the interest of favorite candidates for the United States senate, it might have been profitably employed studying the needs of the educational institutions of the state. A constant reduction of salaries and a studied reduction of necessary appropriations for state schools, by the legislature, will drive teachers from the state, and lower the standard of state institutions. If ever the people come to their senses and take the election of United States senator out of the hands of the politicians, the institutions of the state may receive a little more consideration.

Dr. Emil Reich, the famous Hungarian historian, has been studying conditions in America and gives vent to his enthusiasm in the following terms: "The American commonwealth differs from Europe in two most essential points. These two points are: The practical immunity of the states from any serious attack on the part of a powerful hostile army or navy, and the constant exposure of all the social and most of the economical and political institutions of the states to the invasion, raids and warfares waged against the American male by that greatest surprise of the 19th century, the American woman." The learned doctor promises to become a fit successor of Max O'Rell, in the role of lover and journalistic knight to the women of America.

Pendleton should be ready to welcome the party of German agriculturalists which is now headed this way, and which will probably arrive here next Wednesday evening. These agricultural scientists are in search of information that will help the German government to produce more food on less ground. They are making a report on American methods. Their report will be a directory to American industry and it should be a true one. Every locality in which they collect data should spare no pains to show them its products and resources to the best advantage.

SEALED ORDERS.

Out she swung from her moorings,
 And over the harbor bar,
 As the moon was slowly rising,
 She faded from sight afar,
 And we traced her gleaming canvass
 By the twinkling evening star.
 None knew the port she sailed for,
 Nor whither her course would be;
 Her future course was shrouded
 In silence and mystery;
 She was sailing beneath "sealed orders"
 To be opened out at sea.
 Some souls, cut off from moorings,
 Go drifting into the night,
 Darkness before and around them,
 With scarce a glimmer of light;
 They are acting beneath "sealed orders"
 And sailing by faith, not sight.

Keeping the line of duty
 Through good and evil report,
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 —Helen Chauncey in Sailor's Magazine.

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