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Jack Johnson, the heavy weight, is a fast fighter and a rapid speeder but a San Francisco judge has knocked him out and he is taking a twenty day rest in jail for disobeying the city speed ordinance.

Another holocaust, but human life is cheap and little doubt but that the calamity which cut short some one hundred and forty lives in a New York factory will soon be forgotten and only called to memory, perhaps, in summing up the disasters of the year, while the same carelessness for the lives of employes will continue.

How Much We Know And How Little.

In the "Questions and Answers" column of an Eastern exchange, some little boy put the query: "What is electricity? They say that electricity carries sound over the telephone wires and makes the streetcars go; but what is it?" The editor answered that "Electricity is one of the vital forces of Nature," and the boy who put the question may or may not be satisfied with that answer according to his turn of mind.

It is a matter for some curious speculation, that while most all of us know what electricity will do, or, at least, what we have been able to achieve by its agency thus far, there is no living person able to tell what it is. To say that it is one of the vital forces in Nature is not to define it in the least. The boy who asked the question in the "Questions and Answers" column of that Eastern exchange knew that much quite as well as the editor—but as to the origin of the force? Upon that point he, in common with everyone else, is in the dark.

When one considers the expert knowledge of the world with reference to the application and use of electricity in doing the world's work, it is simply marvelous that the men who have such knowledge know nothing of the agency with which they work; that they cannot say with certainty whether, as a force, it is matter or a condition of matter. It is a force that conserves and transfers energy, and in that it resembles the life force, or, at least, we think it does. Perhaps it is the life force; but we cannot prove it, we cannot even know. In a foundamental way our ignorance of electricity is colossal. We harness it and make it do our bidding in a thousand and one ways, but to utter one word as to its genesis, we cannot for our lives.

That boy, if he only knew it, asked one of the biggest questions that has ever been propounded by the human mind. It is the equivalent of the query as to the origin of life.—Portland Telegram.

In Praise Of Spitting.

"One of the reassuring evidences of sturdiness in this daintily refined age is the great number of persons who continue to spit with unbated vigor wherever they may be. Let the doctors proclaim what they will about the pratice, it is not to be denied that spitting ranks high among American arts, having a decorative value not to be lightly done away with in deference to mere precautions of hygiene and sanitation. There is no more lovely sight and sound than a spitter in action, and the delightful traces of him, remaining when he has departed, awaken in all men and women an instant admiration. Pleasure and proficiency in this art are so widespread that it seems advisable to organize for its further encouragement. Possibly a helpful beginning would be the formation of a national committee to draw up rules governing the artistic expulsion in public of miscellanies from the mouth, in the advance of which worthy cause every American who has the best interests of his country at heart will gladly furnish for experiment whatever of his that is available, from the sidewalk of his city to the ceiling of his home."—The Budget.

Home holds deep meaning for the dweller in a small town who has lived long enough therein to become identified with its ups and downs, its successes and its disappointments. Its people are his people, and he breathes contentedly of its atmosphere, willing to share its fortunes, be they good or bad. It is a fact of psychological interest that the small town dweller is deeply critical of every burg but his own. He notes the defects of a neighboring village; but the ugly, squalid features of his own—its disreputable shacks, broken fences, bad sidewalks and unpainted houses—have become familiar through long association, and he sees them not. It is generally the "new man" who actualy senses these things and who, if he is content to stay, becomes a valuable factor for civic betterment.—Weston Leader.

A Right To Live.

Labor unionists in New York city are taking a proper step in protesting against the use of firetrap buildings such as the one in which 148 shirt waist makers met their death a few day since. They should make such a demonstration that owners of buildings and manufacturers will not dare allow workingmen and women to go unprotected in this regard in the future. There are people who seem to take the cold blooded view that lives are cheaper than fire escapes. The working people have a right to protest against such ideas. They have a right to live and to work under reasonable safe conditions.—East Oregonian.

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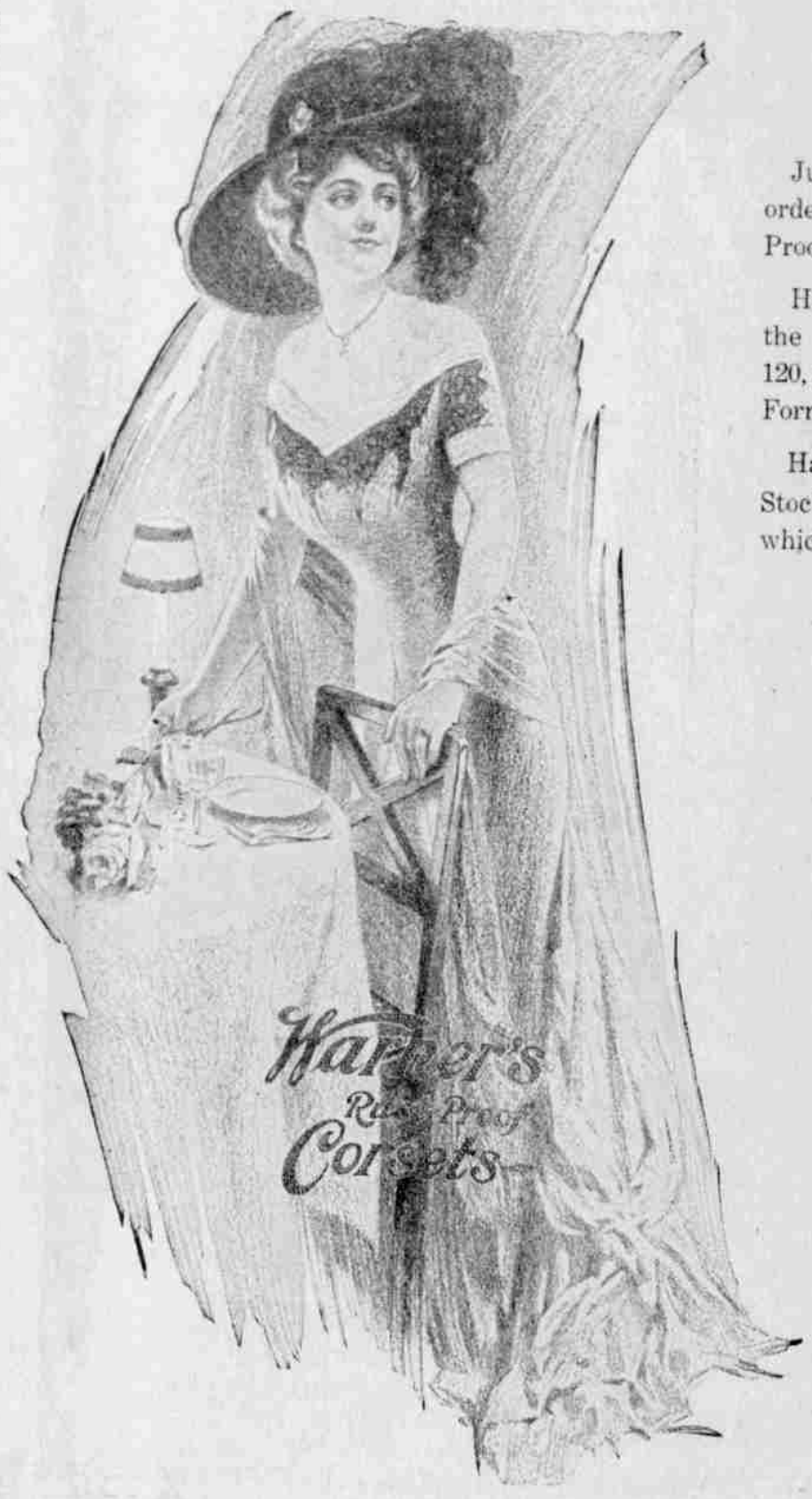

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