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DON'T LIKE THEIR OWN MEDICINE

Trust interests and members of doubtful business institutions are loud in their clamor to separate business from politics. It seems that their peace is being disturbed and all that is now necessary to the peace and prosperity of such interests is, that they be left to enjoy the monopolies they have builded.

These classes were not so much afraid of politics once as they are now, but it is different; then they wooed its aid that they might gain points of advantage, and having gained financial supremacy, conditions where they can dictate to the government and control the prices of produce and labor, they want politics eliminated from business; in other words they want to be let alone.

They are not willing to "do unto others as they would have others do unto them," neither are they willing to have others do them as they have done others, and hence their great desire for peace that they may continue in their selfish business of "doing" the other fellow.

Possession is counted as nine points in favor of the possessor as against one point for the contender in law, but there are circumstances which alter cases in which possession is not a desirable adjunct. The thief does not like to be caught in possession of the goods, neither does the counterfeiter as in each case possession is against them, and if men have used political power to gather in wealth to the detriment and inconvenience of the rest of their fellow men, we see no good reason why the same powers should not be called into effect to bring them down to a proper adjustment.

When the thief becomes possessor he is made to disgorge, and wherein men take unfair advantage they too should be brought to a condition of equity. It is the spirit of greed that is causing the trouble and making it necessary to infuse politics in to business relations.

One week from Monday is Christmas and many are the persons that are looking forward to that time with pleasant anticipations; and this applies to the older folk as well as the young, as the boy is father of the man and likewise is the girl mother to the woman. All like to be remembered.

No one really wants to be an old foggy and abject to the march of progress; but this idea of doing away with the reindeer and the comfortable, roomy old sleigh and sending Santa Claus galavanting throughout child-land in an airship does not appeal to us at all.—Telegram.

The shots that hit and hit hard are the ones that count, although it may take years for us to realize the fact. It was not the whippings father promised us, but the ones mother gave us that jogged our memory to the fact that we lived with them instead of them with us. It was not the teacher who hugged us to the bosom and told us how good we were who did us the most good and commands our respect today, but the one who took us on her lap and did her duty as only a schoolmistress of those days knew how. It is the sharp medicine that cures the disease. It isn't those who tell others of our faults who are our best friends, but those who talk to our face and help us to correct them. The bravest man is not always one who can or will fight, but the one who refrains from fighting.—Ex.

The Portland Juvenile Court officials became busy in looking after the source of supply of tobacco to school boys and have been making arrests of grocers and confectioners who have violated the law by selling tobacco to the boys. Tobacco stupefies the mind and otherwise does injury to the person, but it is rather a hard matter to make the boy believe it as the greater part of the male population are smokers.

The Standard Oil is "busted," according to law its business being now transacted by subsidiary companies. The government is in much the same position as the woman who objected to her husband keeping an old hound, when, to placate the lady, he traded the old dog for six pups.—Capital Journal.

If I had a business that would not stand advertising, I would advertise it for sale.—Henry D. Wilson.

WHERE WOMAN PROPOSES.

An Odd Welsh Town Where the Sexes Have Changed Places.

Llangwm, in Pembrokeshire, Wales, is a huddled group of blunt stone cottages upon the luxuriant bank of the river Cleddau and within view of the Atlantic. Were it not for its strange customs and the relations of the sexes, Llangwm would not merit special attention. The inhabitants are of Flemish origin. In this community mere man no longer holds sway as head of the household, nor is he compelled to earn his own living.

This is what occurs to him in Llangwm: If a likely youth and if arrived at the age—not necessarily of discretion—and size that enable him to make himself useful about the house in cooking, washing, cleaning, bedmaking and such other duties as usually are discharged by the weaker sex, he is approached by some maiden who has "laid eyes on him;" a few words are spoken, perhaps kisses interchanged, and the bargain is completed. Such embarrassing duties as "asking ma and pa" and those incidents peculiar to courtship in other localities are quite unnecessary at Llangwm. The marriage ceremony is of the simplest character, and no such thing as a honeymoon is allowed. The youth settles himself down to his life job and is happy so long as he does not become entangled with the heads of the other households.

The Llangwm maiden is an expert fisherwoman. She rises early and braves all weathers. She not only catches her fish, but sells it in the neighboring towns. She is usually stronger than the average champion oarsman and can row with almost as much skill.

Of course the wife is the chancellor of the exchequer in this strange community. As she earns the money she naturally feels competent to spend it to the best advantage. In-

deed, the husband, known among the fishwives as "my man," is not considered sufficiently elevated to buy his own Sunday clothes. The domestic fisherwoman queen selects such garments as may suit her taste, and from her decision there is no appeal.

In religious matters the Llangwmians are extremely straitlaced. Dancing, card playing, novel reading, are absolutely barred. No intoxicating liquor can be obtained in the place, for years ago the inhabitants revolted against the opening of an inn.

In the house conversation is not allowed during meals, and although newspapers are sometimes brought in they are hidden away from Saturday night until Monday morning. The villagers look askance at all strangers picking their way along the narrow street and stigmatize them as foreigners.—Exchange.

A Resourceful Leader.

It was during a sham battle that a young Georgia sergeant gave a command that will pass his name down to posterity in the unwritten legends of the national guard. His company held an exposed position, and in the ardor and excitement of their first baptism of fire they had disposed of enough cartridges to last a veteran through an all day battle. Suddenly they found their belts empty and necessarily the din of conflict lessened. It was then that the gallant sergeant, hatless and flushed with battle frenzy, rushed down the line and shouted: "Keep up your fire, boys! Don't let the enemy know your ammunition is out!"—Saturday Evening Post.

The Obvious Remedy.

The American visitor was being shown through the historical cathedral of an English village. Every stone in the floor was graced with the name of the almost forgotten hero or saint whose body rested beneath it.

"Aye, sir," the verger assured the visitor, "a sight o' folk sleeps atween the walls o' this old church."

"Then why," asked the Yankee absently, "don't you people get an up to date preacher?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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