

THE POOR AND THOSE WHOM THEY MAKE RICH

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Is there any connection between the EXTRAVAGANT LUXURY of the rich and the DAILY SUFFERING of the poor?

Who are "the poor" anyway? Are they simply the intemperate, the incompetent, the vicious and occasionally the unfortunate?

Surely we all know that intemperance, incompetency, vice and misfortune are NOT CONFINED TO ANY CLASS, but are as common among the prosperous as among the poor.

We know also that in one class—the largest class of all—we find widespread, increasing poverty as its chief characteristic, and the people of this class we call "the poor."

AGAIN WE ASK, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE THUS DISTINGUISHED SINCE THE DAYS OF CHRIST—THUS SET APART AS "THE POOR?"

But the persistent questioner has another question to ask: Why, in the name of heaven, are these useful people who do so much for the welfare of all—who are so absolutely indispensable to our comfort and happiness—why are they known as "the poor?" ARE THEY NOT ALL PAID for their useful work? Why do they not save their wages and grow rich?

Has our philanthropist been asleep for half a century that he does not know of the extraordinary growth of mechanical inventions which has changed the hand worker into a MACHINE FEEDER in nearly every shop and mill in the country?

Does he not know that every child, woman or boy employed throws a MAN out of work?

Child labor is a two edged sword that cuts its way right and left through the rank and file of the hosts of labor. It degrades and blights the child's life, while it casts the once manly man out of doors to tramp from street to street and city to city IN SEARCH OF A "JOB."

Behold him—this latest product of our civilization—the man out of a job! The man thrown out of a job because little children, young girls, boys and women, are now feeding the machines that do the work he might be doing, and do it 100 per cent faster than he could possibly do it.

It is not a question of whom to blame for present conditions. It is a question of SEEING THINGS AS THEY ARE and observing closely the course of events.

Never before have men and women sought to solve the terrible problems of the working class in a democracy lighted by the great torches of universal suffrage and a free public school system.

IF IT BE THE DESTINY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS WE SHALL SIMPLY BE FOLLOWING THE NATURAL EVOLUTION OF OUR HISTORICAL IDEALS THAT BEGAN WITH THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

RUSSIA IS NOT HAMPERED BY CONSCIENCE

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THE CONSCIENCE OF RUSSIA IS A BEAR'S CONSCIENCE—THAT IS TO SAY, A MIXTURE OF HUNGER AND BRUTE RESOURCES FOR SATISFYING HUNGER. WE ARE TOLD THAT RUSSIA IS ALWAYS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANXIOUS FOR PEACE TILL SHE HAS BROUGHT HERSELF TO SUCH A CONDITION OF PREPARATION THAT SHE IS TOO CONFIDENT SHE CAN GET ALL SHE WANTS BY BREAKING THE PEACE OR EVEN WITHOUT GOING TO THE TROUBLE OF BREAKING THE PEACE.

She has this advantage that some other nations do not have—she is hampered by no embarrassing considerations of ethical propriety. She bears down upon her object with the frozen restlessness of an iceberg, which, although sometimes stationary, never goes backward, and almost always gets there. Russia's promises are simply halting places where she stops to recover her breath before taking the road again.

I have just been reading the story of her dealings with Roumania and Bulgaria. THAT WHOLE STORY IS SOLID TRAGEDY and hardly relieved by her eccentric attempt at comedy in the convening of a great international peace conference and setting up a pacific tribunal at The Hague. Her more recent exploit has been to wring the lifeblood out of poor Finland—poor Finland, secure, it thought, in the pledges Russia had given and an inherent right to govern herself were it not that she is TOO SMALL TO HAVE ANY RIGHT TO HAVE RIGHTS.

It would have seemed almost proper if some Christian nation had brought just a little judicious pressure to bear in the unhappy Finn's behalf. We have never got over being grateful to France for helping us when the paw of the British lion lay so heavily upon us in 1776, but then it is one thing to be helped and another thing to run the risk of helping somebody else, and then, too, some may have felt that there was that Biblical difficulty of the mote and the beam.



ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Good Qualities of the Onion and How to Draw Them Out.

The experience of those who have tried the onion cure is that it works wonders in restoring a cold racked system to its normal state.

An onion cure breakfast includes a poached egg on toast, three tablespoonfuls of fried onions and a cup of coffee. Luncheon of sandwiches made of brown bread, buttered and filled with finely chopped raw onions, seasoned with salt and pepper, makes the second meal on the schedule. For supper the onions may be fried as for breakfast and eaten with a chop and a baked potato.

Onion plasters are prescribed to break up hard coughs. They are made of fried onions placed between two pieces of old muslin. The plaster is kept quite hot until the patient is snugly in bed, when it is placed on the chest, to stay overnight.

Onion sirup is claimed by some to be unequalled as a cure for a bad cold in the chest.

Window Transparencies.

Window transparencies are much in favor, and they are easily made. The glass is first cleansed with alcohol, after which the steel engraving or half tone picture which is to be transferred is cleansed with a sponge. With a soft brush apply a paste made of alum and one ounce of nitrate of strontium to the face of the print and to the glass.

Lay the picture face downward and with a dry cloth press until every part of the picture has adhered to the glass and no blisters are left. Then lay the glass away until perfectly dry, which will take several hours.

When dry, wet the paper and commence rubbing it off. Several wettings may be necessary before nothing but the outline of the picture remains. Oil with three parts of castor oil and oil of lavender mixed. If too thick add turpentine. Place in a transparency metal frame and hang in the light or set in the window pane.

Bedroom Hangings.

Nothing is prettier or more dainty for bedroom decoration than the upholstered dummies in the old English style. They can be got in many patterns and launder beautifully, so are more durable than a flimsy fabric. They may be used in the entire decoration of the room for bed spread, canopy, window hangings and dressing table covers.

At the windows it is prettiest to hang the curtains straight down each side, with a full valance across the top. Cushions for chairs and corner seats can be made to match too.

Sandwiches of Butter and Honey.

Butter and honey seem to have been a favorite combination in Bible times and will be found quite as palatable today. Delicious sandwiches may be made by spreading one slice of bread with butter beaten to a cream and the other with honey. The honey must be used sparingly, so that it will not ooze out on the fingers of the eaters.

A Sky Parlor.

Here is a story from the veldt: When Mr. Chamberlain traveled to Delarey's country he found that the only hall available was very small for the audience he wished to address. "Let me offer you my parlor," said Delarey. Mr. Chamberlain consented, but when he reached the ruins of Delarey's house he found a platform built out on the open veldt. "But where is the parlor?" asked the statesman. "That is the only parlor you have left me," replied the soldier. De Wet, by the way, refuses to rebuild his dwelling. He desires it to remain a perpetual memorial.—London Speaker.

Between Them.

"Is there anything between you and my daughter?"
"Nothing but you."—Town Topics.

No Place Like Home.

Oh, the map is in a turmoil
Through these diplomatic games,
And the geographic outlook
Is a seething mass of tangles;
And we don't know what to do
With the talk about China
And other points concerned in this discourse of Russian claims.

We talk about Chemulpo
In a spirit of dismay;
Pingyang and Tungkingao,
But our thoughts are far away.
There are Yalu and Wiju
And the strait of Tsugaru,
And I'm mighty glad I'm living in the peaceful U. S. A.
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Miss Idealism—Oh, but he looks the part so well!—Yonkers Herald.

Going the Rounds.

Miranda—I accepted Mr. Mashleigh last night, and he is going to get the engagement ring today.

Muriel—Oh, he already has it. I returned to him this morning the one he gave me.—Life.

Just Luck.

"I could have married hundreds of men. It was just a matter of luck that you saw me first."

"Yes—just my luck!" — Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The Essentials.

"Are they much to each other?"
"Indeed, yes! One has ambition, the other money." — Detroit Free Press.

Followed the Example.

A Hartford youngster goes to church where the concluding "amen" of the parson's prayer is sung by the choir. The other night, after he had said his prayers, he produced a harmonicon from beneath his pillow and astonished his mother by blowing a blast where the "amen" came in, remarking, "That's the way we do in church."—Hartford Post.

Puzzled.

Count Nottapenni—Las' night I giva ze leasle heart to Miss Roxley zat I would like she should marry wiz me.

Ascum—And did she give you any encouragement?

Count Nottapenni—I do not know. She simply say to me, "What kinda ze nerve food do you use?"—Philadelphia Press.

A Pair of Don'ts.

Don't use steel knives for cutting fish, oysters, sweetbreads or brains. The steel blackens and gives an unpleasant flavor.

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