

A Strong Man.
"Jaysmith is a strong man," said Tenapot.
"Indeed?" asked Goein.
"Yes; I have seen him break a twenty-dollar gold piece."
"Ah, I presume you mean that he is a strong man financially."

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Disappointed.
"So you were held up by bandits?"
"Yes, and that isn't the worst of it. They simply took my money without detaining me long enough to give me a start as a magazine writer or lecturer."—Washington Star.

Something of a Mathematician.
"He must be a pretty good mathematician?"
"How is that?"
"He's manager of a burlesque show."
"Well?"
"Well, that's mostly a question of figures, isn't it?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

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"No," answered the huntsman.
"I'd rather take chances on meeting a bear, single-handed than on being myself mistaken for game by an excited companion."—Washington Star.

Definite Directions.
A waiter who had been an old marine watched as long as he could bear it while his master tried to draw the stuffing through the side of a bird.
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Might Be Doing Worse.
"If I were the mayor," remarked the stranger who had attended a meeting of the city council, "I wouldn't permit the aldermen to waste so much time in useless wrangling over trivial matters."
"The mayor knows what he is about," replied the citizen. "When they're wrangling they're not doing any mischief."—Chicago Tribune.

Calls for Explanation.
Philosophers like Mr. Perkins, Mr. Morgan's partner, who declared that in modern conditions the young man who works hard must win success, should add a few foot notes to their disquisitions explaining matters satisfactorily to the men who have worked hard and not won.

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A Prejudiced Opinion.
"Is it true that men of genius do not know the value of money?"
"I'm afraid it is," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Most men of genius see so little of it that they never have a chance to form any definite ideas on the subject."—Washington Star.

Pedagogics.
"Oh, yes," replied the bright and scientific young mother; "I always give Clifford 25 cents when I spank him. The best authorities are quite agreed that punishing a child for nothing tends to confuse his ethical notions."—Puck.

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PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

WHY PUBLICITY IS NOT FAVORED.

By H. O. Havemeyer, President American Sugar Refining Co.
My company has heretofore given such information to stockholders as they as a body have asked for. It has conformed to the action heretofore taken at annual meetings that special information shall not be given to individual stockholders. This recognizes that business which is to be done by corporations in competition with individuals cannot satisfactorily be done if the individual may withhold all information about his business and the corporation shall be compelled to make public information about its business.

The average price at which refined sugar has been sold is 4.55 cents a pound. This includes 1.81 cents a pound which goes to the government. It thus appears that the net price has been reduced to 2.64 cents a pound, as against a net price which in 1877, at the time of the formation of the Sugar Refineries Company, was 3.50 cents. The low price leads to increased consumption and enables the business to be done at the lowest possible margin. The natural increase of consumption year by year may be stated to be 4.75 per cent. During the last year the increase was 8.17. This must be attributed to the reduction in price brought about by the combination. It is only by keeping the price down that competition can be met, and if our legislators would inform themselves of the situation they would learn that in our industry there is no such thing as preventing competition and the building of new refineries.

The above makes it impossible to understand what reasonable motive there can be for much of the so-called anti-trust legislation. The consumer is certainly benefited by a low price. My company will adhere to the policy which it has heretofore pursued of doing business at a minimum of margin, relying for its profits upon enlarged consumption.

NEED OF RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION.

By William Williams, Commissioner of Immigration.
It is generally conceded that immigration in the past has been an important factor in enabling this country to attain the position of eminence which it now occupies, and that it has contributed in a large degree towards the wonderful material development of the United States. The Northwest is in this respect under a peculiar obligation to the old world, and in some of its sections the voters of foreign extraction outnumber those of native birth. But such development has been caused not by the mere fact that hundreds of thousands of foreigners have been coming here annually but by the further fact that they have gone out into the agricultural regions and that they have come from Great Britain, Germany and Scandinavia, countries whose inhabitants more closely resemble our people in blood, traditions and ideals of government than is the case with any of the other larger countries of Europe from which our immigrants come. It is almost certain that had our early immigration proceeded from these portions of eastern and southern Europe which are now sending such large numbers of illiterate aliens into our great cities, this country would not now enjoy its present civilization.

Statistics show, and it is a well known fact, that the great stream of migration to-day is a city immigration, and that the bulk of the immigrants do not go and cannot be urged to go into the unsettled parts of the United States for the purpose of developing them. The pauper statistics show that about thirty aliens out of every ten thousand become objects of charity, whereas in the case of the native born, both white and colored, only nine out of every ten thousand persons become such.

The question at issue to-day is not the total restriction of immigration but only the proper regulation thereof. Europe has a great many desirable people, and also millions who are undesirable, and each nation of Europe has its quota of both. At least a portion, and many of us believe a considerable portion, of our immigration to-day

consists of this undesirable element—undesirable because it is often found to be unintelligent, of low vitality, of poor physique, able to perform only the cheapest kind of manual labor, desirous of locating almost exclusively in the cities, and unfitted mentally or morally for good citizenship. At the present stage of the discussion it is as unnecessary as it would be impossible to state what is the relative percentage of the desirable and the undesirable. It is sufficient for the present purposes to know that at least a considerable number of those coming here, more particularly from eastern and southern Europe and Syria, are people who, although they may be able to earn a living, are not wanted, will be of no benefit to the country, and whose presence, on the contrary, tends to drag down its standards. It is of this undesirable minority alone that I am speaking. That it should exist is only natural, in view of the poverty of parts of the old world and of the efforts made abroad to stir up emigration. Specific evidence of its existence results not only from observation at Ellis Island but from the fact that large numbers of these people are almost destitute at the time of their arrival, have since found it impossible to earn a living in this country, have become public charges, and are eventually deported.

I am of the opinion that before long the necessity will be realized of enacting a law the effect of which will be to exclude all persons who are not physically vigorous and whose presence will tend to lower our standard of living or civilization.

MAKE THE TRUSTS SHOW UP.

By James J. Hill, President Great Northern Railway.
There are different kinds of trusts. Some of them are formed for good purposes and serve the public welfare, and the President and members of Congress and other intelligent people ought to be able to discriminate between honest and dishonest corporations. Take Herr Krupp, the great German ironmaster, who died the other day, as an example. He was a very rich and powerful and benevolent monopolist and made Germany richer and more prosperous, and his 45,000 employees happy. There are other good monopolies.

The large number of consolidated corporations are honest and well managed and are for the public welfare. Others, however, were organized for speculative purposes and capitalized at enormous figures to sell stock to people who don't know any better than to buy it, and such schemes ought to be crushed out. The remedy is simple. Compel them to make a showing before they are allowed to put stock on the market. Make them show what they have got and what it is worth. If a company in Rhode Island wants to sell stock in California, it ought to be required to give people out there an honest statement of its business, as national banks and insurance companies are compelled to do.

DOGS BETTER THAN THE BABY.

By Dr. G. F. Shady, Editor Medical Record.
The fashionable woman of to-day does not want children. If she bears them she does not rear them properly and they become sickly and die. That this aversion to children is rapidly spreading through all classes of society is generally recognized by the medical profession. It is true among the well to do everywhere, in the country as well as in cities. We are following rapidly in the path of France, where the subject has occupied the attention of statesmen and lawmakers for years and prizes are offered by the government for large families. In this country, however, our Anglo-Saxon prudery will always stand in the way of any general campaign of education on this subject. Physicians can do something in the way of educating their own patients, but their efforts in the aggregate amount to but little. The demands of society and the life of our people in flats, where the baby is more unwelcome than a dog, are among the factors responsible for this state of affairs, and I see no hope for the future.

PASSING OF THE BICYCLE.

HERE were 300 bicycle factories in the United States in 1895. They produced annually 500,000 machines. These machines cost the users \$37,500,000 each year, and the supply was not equal to the demand. Nearly 800,000 bicycles were manufactured in 1896, but the price declined 40 per cent in the next two or three years and the supply was in excess of the demand. In 1898 the membership of the League of American Wheelmen was 103,000; it is now 5,830. In 1898 there were in the United States fifty newspapers devoted to cycling; now there is only one. Five years ago city boulevards and parkways were crowded with bicycle riders; last summer there were comparatively few on streets or boulevards.

The bicycle has fallen from its high popularity. Wheeling has ceased to be a hobby, and ranks simply as ordinary recreation. Most of the capital invested in bicycle factories has been turned into other channels. The sales of wheels are not one-twentieth as large as in 1898, and the membership of the league has declined in the same proportion. There were twenty bicycle stores in Chicago in 1898, where there is one now. Of the many bicycle clubs in 1898 only one maintains its organization now. The local sales of wheels declined 90 per cent in five years. No other reactionary movement in American trade is so sweeping and striking as this passing of the bicycle.—Chicago Inter Ocean.



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Taking Advantage of the Situation.

A member of the military band at a certain barracks came to the surgeon recently with a long face and a plaintive story about a sore throat. "Sore throat, eh?" said the surgeon pleasantly. "Let me see. Oh, that's not bad—a slight irritation, nothing more! You'll be all right in a day or two. I think you had better take no risk by using your throat though, so I will recommend you for a fortnight's sick leave." Armed with the surgeon's

certificate the bandsman obtained two weeks' sick leave. The two weeks had just come to an end when he met the surgeon on the parade ground. The bandsman saluted, and the surgeon, recognizing the face, stopped. "How's the throat?" he asked pleasantly. "It's quite well, sir," was the reply. "That's good," said the surgeon. "You can get back to your duty without fear. By the way, what instrument do you play in the band?" "The small drum, sir," said the musician.

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