

SOCIAL VICE AND WAGES BY AN ABANDONED WOMEN.

One night last week a dozen of the women reformers attending the national social purity congress at Baltimore, went into the slums to witness the sights and gather information. Many evil resorts were visited, and while the orgies in one were at the height a girl young enough in years and vice not to require paint, and who had not lost her wisdom with her modesty, astonished the slummers by addressing a lecture to them: "You have begun at the wrong end of society if you are sincere in your reformatory work," she said. "The time to save a girl is before she falls, not afterward. You high society women force us into this life and then cry because we are here. Go to the stores, shops and factories and induce them to pay their employes living wages. What can we do? Before I came here I received \$2 a week for twelve hours' work a day. It was a life of shame or starvation. Once here what hope is there for us? Will you take me even into your kitchen at living wages? Or you? Or you? Go home; begin your reform work there with your own husbands and your sons who help to send us here. Save the fallen men in your homes and there will be fewer fallen women to save here."

The ladies doubtless learned more from this unfortunate girl than from all the papers read at the congress. The "social evil" is an economic as well as a moral problem and its solution involves a permanent improvement of industrial conditions. Without this improvement, without repeal of an unjust class legislation responsible for the grossly inequitable distribution of wealth and its alarmingly rapid concentration, it is impossible to see how vice and crime can be checked. These are encouraged by what creates the sweat shop and the tenement house and dooms hundreds of thousands able and willing to work but unable to find it to hunger in the midst of abundance. It is extremely gratifying that noble men and women are organizing to fight the more serious evils with which society is afflicted, for their motive and undertaking must lead them to a careful investigation of causes, and the more the latter are studied the more certain will become the discovery and application of a remedy.—Salem Journal.

BELLS FIGHT A DUEL.

WATERVILLE, Me., Oct. 30.—The inhabitants of this staid country town are at present electrified over one of the latest freaks of the "new" woman, which has just leaked out. Among the young ladies attending the Ridge Academy, about two miles from this town, were Alice Fleming and Grace Anderson, both wealthy and pretty. At the Colby College there was a young sophomore named Andrews. Between the scholars at the two schools the greatest intimacy prevailed. Miss Fleming, who has been attending the young ladies' school for the last three years, fell in love with An-

draws, and during the last two years they have been very intimate; in fact, everybody considered them engaged. It was not until this September that the apple of discord came, in the person of Miss Anderson. She was petite and chic, and Andrews' love began to waver. No longer did he take Alice out for a stroll; no longer did he share theater parties in her company; but Grace was in his thoughts all the time.

Events reached a crisis on Monday when Andrews took Grace out driving. On their way they met Miss Fleming and the inevitable scene followed. Andrews extricated himself as best he could by driving away, leaving the two heroines to indulge in a hair-pulling and eye-gouging contest. They were at last separated by friends, but the matter did not end there, and yesterday Miss Fleming sent a formal challenge to her rival to fight a duel. Miss Anderson, who is from Virginia, and with all her southern fire, could not refuse and accepted, naming as weapons heavy buckthorn whips.

Yesterday afternoon, accompanied by seconds, they went to a little grove about four miles out and fought until, according to one of the spectators, both were unable to continue.

The affair was kept as private as possible, but it reached the ears of the faculty today and an inquiry was made, which showed that both the participants had been cut rather severely, though by no means severely. Andrews, immediately after the notice of the affair, left the town for his home in New York.—Call.

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PRACTICE.

A contestant required to make specific charge of default, and prove default as charged. In case of failure issue is between entryman and Government.

SETTLEMENT CLAIM AND NOTICE.

Notices defining the extent of a settlement claim posted in conspicuous places thereon, are sufficient to protect such claim as against subsequent settlers; and it is immaterial in such case whether the latter settler has actual notice or not, if the posted notices are of such character that they might have been seen by a reasonable exercise of diligence.

COAL.

Prior possessions, without filing, will not avail as against an adverse claimant who has complied with the law.

MINERAL.

An application may embrace several locations. Conflicting rights set up to defeat an application can not be recognized in the absence of an alleged surface conflict. In the absence of clear showing as to possessory right, patent must be denied. Survey must be made by actual measurement on the ground.

RELOCATION.

If work is renewed on a claim after it has been open to relocation, but before such relocation, the rights

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AN ENGLISH COMMENTARY.

Said an eminent English scientist recently: "The danger that confronts the great American people to-day is not the possible adoption of a wrong financial policy for the nation, or the spread of socialism, or the increase of corruption among public men. All these are bad enough, to be sure, but they are as nothing compared to the terrible national disease—I had almost said national crime—of overwork. The mad rush for wealth is set at a killing pace, and thousands fall by the way every year."

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