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THE OTHER SIDE.

(The Manufacturer.)

To listen to the argument of the average labor agitator one would be lead to believe that all so-called capitalists and employers were simply robbers of the laboring man and that labor alone created all wealth.

After the employes in a certain large oil refining plant had listened to this kind of talk recently, the manager of the plant walked out among the men and told them the other side of the case.

"Twenty-five years ago," he said, "I was a day laborer in this plant, which was then struggling for existence before the day of the gas engine. I worked 12 hours a day but saved some money each month and at the end of the year had accumulated $100. I took a chance and invested it in this industry because I believed the business would grow. I kept on saving money and going without some of the luxuries to do it, while the other fellows spent all they made on a good time.

"The business grew. In the course of ten years I had saved and invested $1,000 in it. A reasonable dividend had been paid each year and in addition the company had laid aside a reserve.

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had earned me another $1000 as well as interest during the ten year period and the second thousand for which I had been given stock was being used to further enlarge the plant, employ twice the number of men and earn money for the original stockholders.

"The agitator told you the 'full product' of your labor should be yours and that the day was coming when you would take over this plant.

"But how about thousands of stockholders who have worked and saved and gone without in the early days and who are doing it today to furnish the money to operate this great industry which makes possible the employment of thousands of men. The capital thus furnished is the accumulations of labor and surely they are entitled to the 'product' of their labor.

"Every man in this plant has the same opportunity today to save and invest in the company that I did 25 years ago and take the same chance for profit and loss.

"The question is have you the grit and backbone to make the start or would you follow the advice of a professional robber of other people.

"Every man is entitled to the 'full product' of what he labors for and justly earns and saves and the dividends from stock which a man's wages and savings bought, are just as much a 'product of labor' as any work you are doing at this plant today.

"If you have been listening to the preachings of professional agitators, think this over and remember that the same law which protects the savings and investments made 25 years ago or today protects your home and property rights from just such human hyenas as are now preaching destruction of other people's property.

"Capital and labor must work together against the common enemy 'discontent and agitation' or both will suffer disaster."

A REAL EXPLANATION OF HIGH PRICES.

Jules S. Bache, a New York business man, offers this sensible explanation of present high prices: "Shortage of goods is a dominant cause of high prices because it leads to the addition of exorbitant profits. When there is no competition, when there are many buyers for each article, the seller is unrestricted as to the profit he may charge." Mr. Bache is absolutely right. Under-production, not only in America but throughout the world, is the great cause of high prices. The solution of the problem is full production, here and elsewhere. So long as we preach internationalism, and lead European peoples to believe that out of the goodness of our hearts we propose to stint ourselves in order to feed and clothe them, there is no need for them to work. If we let radical labor leaders in this country get the notion that every time they bluster and talk strike there will be an increase of wages and a decrease in working hours, there will be less production here at home. An honest day's pay and an honest day's work, will solve the difficulty.

HOW IDEAS GROW.

Longfellow as a boy wrote his first poem on how a turnip grows and from that grew a national poet through the newspapers in the west.

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THE CHEAPEST BUILDING MATERIAL.

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... lumber as the cheapest building material there is today.—The Manufacturer.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A MARKET?

There is much agitation and organization these days for better marketing facilities for raw products.

The farmers who raise berries and fruit and the vegetable growers are organizing to get higher prices.

Is it not a fact that it is the industry that manufactures these products that makes the principal and reliable market?

Those who produce the raw materials for the canneries and fruit factories must not overlook this fact.

The industries have large investments of capital, market in the whole world, and advertise for consumers.

Can the growers do better than cooperate in a friendly manner with the men who have invested their capital and have all at stake and create the demand for the product?

This does not mean that they must knuckle down to the dictates of these industries, but to really cooperate, whether it be by individuals or by organizations.

The home market that is nearest to the place where the raw material is produced is after all the best market for perishable products.

To seek distant markets on higher bids may destroy or weak the home market which for a period of years would bring the most stable prices and best conserve the industry.

...ES FARM UNITY IN "CO-OP" TEACHING

James K. Warbasse, Agres, Pa., president of the Cooperative League of America, is an advocate of an educational school, where all farm organization workers might be trained to carry on cooperative activities and aimed to result in a national unity of all farm forces.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

March ...

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement and for the floral offerings.

MRS. ETHEL HADLEY and FAMILY

PLANTING SEASONS GIVEN FOR GARDEN VEGETABLES

Early Beginning for Hardy Crops Recommended by A. G. Bouquet, College Specialist.

Now is a good time to start the vegetable garden, points out A. G. Bouquet, professor of vegetable gardening at the Oregon Agricultural college.

"Early vegetables that can be lured above ground will not be hurt by future spring weather," says Professor Bouquet. "Such vegetables as onion sets, turnips, spinach, lettuce, and radishes will germinate easily under present conditions. Half a dozen early crops can be planted in early March. This is also hot bed time which calls for the sowing of such seeds as cabbage, tomatoes, peppers and eggplants.

"April 15 begins the second planting season, which calls for sowing carrots, onions, beets, chard, the second planting of lettuce, radishes, and peas, and new asparagus and rhubarb beds. It is the season for sowing celery in hotbeds and melons in paper pots in a hotbed.

"The next seeding time is May 5 to 15 after frost. Beans, sweet corn, pumpkins and salsify may be sown and late cabbage, kale, cauliflower and broccoli may be seeded in the ... [illegible]

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Boy Gets Called by Death

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Why Colds Are Dangerous.

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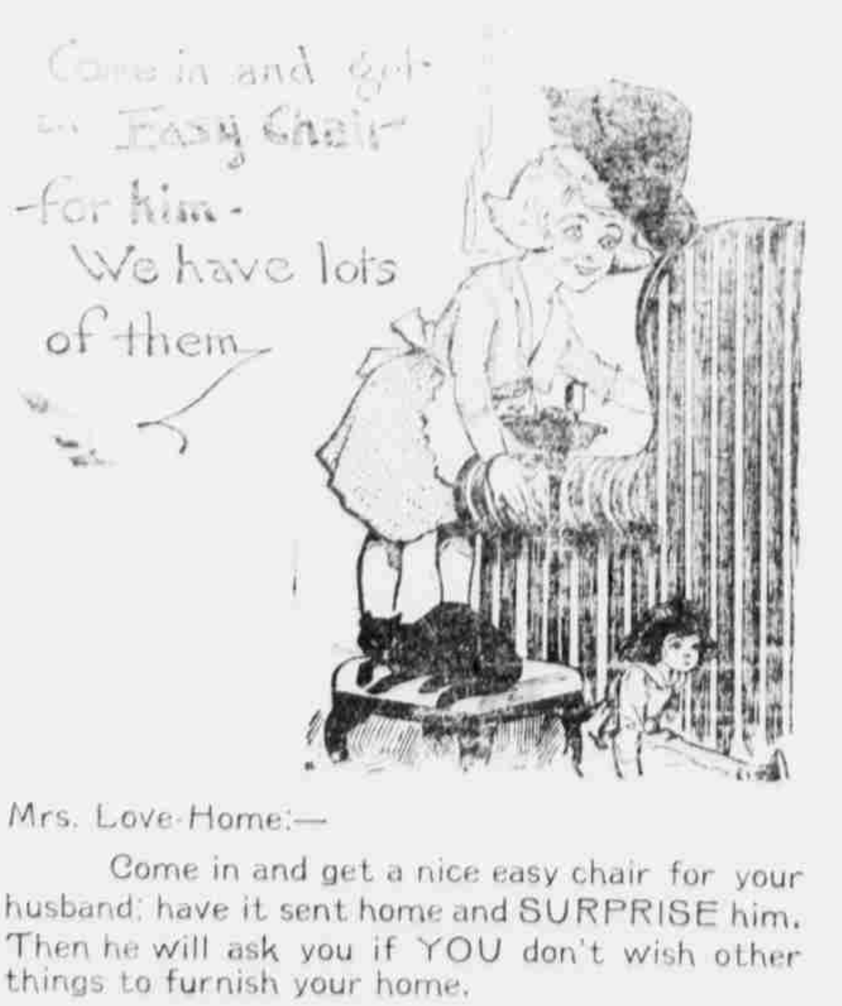

Mrs. Love-Home:—

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