## Uncle Silas Says.

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Cousin Tom, I see by the papers that Henry Ford and his crowd or peace mollycoddles got a frosty reception in Norway, and they are layng all the blame on a woman, Mmc. senwimmer, a Hungarian, who is said to have been instrumental in persuading rien. to undertake to stop the iight. Now, it seems to me that if they had to have a scapegoat they might have found a man among their number to lay the blame instead of putting it on a woman, a very discourteous thing to do, to say the least. The fact those crackbrained theorists couldn't agree among themreached land and been snubbed; soon they will go somewhere else where they will be snubbed again, and, after telling it to the Danes, they will try Holland, be interned and that will end the farce for which doubtless they will be profoundly thankful. But, my, what a fall they have had in heir efforts to climb to the v ry pincle of the tower of fame! They re mind me of the story of the Irish man who fell down a coal shaft, It was a new shaft about 75 feet deep, and when Pat tumbled in he did not the whole distance immediately le lodged about a third of the way lown, and his fellow miners strug-led to save him, Pat directing the oprations. Just as they thought they ad succeeded he crashed down another 25 feet, when an obstruction caught him and the rescue work was gun anew with greater difficulty. When they were the second time on he verge of success, to the dismay of the rescue party, Pat went headlong nto lower depths. Now, all was si-ent; no sound came from the unforinate Irishman. Leaning far over he shaft, the foreman shouted hrough a trumpet: "Pat, I say, Pat!" rom the darkness and mistery of e underworld came a solitary word: "Are you much hurt?" Haroo!" ueried the foreman. "I am not, be-ob!"answered Pat cheerily. "Where e ye?" shouted the foreman to which Pat replied, exultingly: "Glory heaven, I'm on the very bottom! Well, when that crowd of simps get ack to the good old U. S. they will ave Forded the ocean both ways at len's expense—a bottom fact.

Uncle Bill, it has recently come to e said, in scientific circles, that if a an talks to you on any subject unger the sun and his ramblings recomnd him for admittance to a padded ell, that you should not call a peace fficer and have his head examined, cause he may be a great inventor to is about to startle the world. It recommended that you invite him your home and try to get a half inest in what he is raving about, or ten to him patiently, pat him on the k and try to get on to what he is king about, for he may become orld famous over night. I was greatamused when I read last night the ward determining the legal statutes anything that may occur on board airship, from marriage to deaths d births. It was stated in the article read that a recent meeting in Paris a French scientific society a comttee on aviation made a very inesting report, in which the decision s rendered that in case of an infant ng abandoned on board of an air-, and its parents unknown, the ant will follow the nationality of aircraft. This seems almost edotic when it is considered that there e been a dozen aerial elopements as many aviators have taken ir brides on aerial honeymoons, ile numerous newlyweds have takhoneymoons in Zeppelins, it apars entirely possible that stranger ings may happen in the air than ooting stars or "Diamonds from the

Gertrude, I heard you tell your other of your Christmas shopping sperience and I certainly felt sorry or you. It is very trying to one's erves and patience to be pushed ound by the crowds of people in he big department stores, and when ou have bought what you want, it is problem how, with your arms full bundles, to get home safely reetcar. As you did your Christnas buying all at one time and had to arry the pack-mule load through owded streets and then stand up ith it in a street car for a couple of iles, I don't wonder that you had to st half a day before you could pack ur trunk to come home. Well, your opping experience reminds me of occurence on the train on which I is going to the county seat last ek to pay my taxes. Across the isle m my seat were a man, his wife d her mother. The woman had been pping all day and were telling cir experiences to the patient and anwhile tried to read his paper. "I uldn't get a fern dish anywhere,' id his wife snappishly. Her husband runted. "And I forgot to get that ame for Lillian, but I can get it tod the opinion that Stanley's photoaph needed no frame, since Lillian ould have such a nice present be-les, and when "dear" was appealed he emphatically agreed. Silence splaced her handbag, well filled th the usual conglomeration of ares, and announced: "My bag's aring out." "No wonder," said her sband. "It's not ment for a trunk." is wife looked astonished. "Why, here's hardly anything in it, dear," he protested. "You ought to see it ctimes. I don't call it full at all." Dear" read his paper again until he s interrupted by a confession from s wife "I lost your muffler today, ar. I must have dropped in the resurant." "Dear" looked up hopefully. Was it the gray one?" he asked, but looked disappointed when she said to, dear, the white one. I am awful-

'But I can't help it now. You know how forgetful I am." He did not answer, but sighed resinedly. "I've got all my cards addressed," said mother, tactfully, to change the subject. And her daughter laughed. "Mine, too," she said. "And I'm going to send them in time this year. Last year forgot all about them to New Year's Day, but I mailed them just the ame, as long as they were ready. The train was slowing down for top and she began to gather up th packages, that is to say, she began loading them on "dear," This suggested a new thought and she turned to mother. "I don't know what we had sent home, do you, mother? But then we have receipts for everything, so we can tell that way." "I guess so," sclves, scrapped all the way on their said mother, "but I dropped some-voyage, each seeking to lead the whole bunch. Finally they have not pick it up. I was too tired. Maynot pick it up. I was too tired. May-be it was some of our receipts." They got off the train at a suburban station and probably in a day or two will be down town again, exchanging things or complaining of something that I know I bought here and it never was delivered. I can't find my receipt, and you can't find any record of the purchase. I won't stand for that." Then it is up to the merchant o make good or lose a profitable customer. However, Gertrude, as you didn't shop that way and you got all you paid for, though in so doing you were unfashionable," for which I am truly trankful. Amos,, you and Gertrude will have

Gertrude has her trunk ready to go

but you have been enjoying the fool philosophy of Bobby Jenkins all the evening and forgotten that you are to return to school in the morning. Now that Bobby has gone home Gertrude and mother will come from their hiding place and we can have a farewell family love feast all by our selves. What a downright simpleton that boy is. He knows just about as much about law as I do about what is going to happen tomorrow, and yet ine holds forth in his discussion of complicated problems with all the confidences of a lawyer of long experience. Gertrude just can't endure him. The sheepish expression of his eyes and his sneaking manner in her presence greatly annoys her, and his butting in on us the last night that she and you are to be at home for several months and his long stay af-ter I had several times invited him to go, would have been something comical under other circumstances. Well, here comes mother and Gertrude. Now the family love feast begins. I think we never enjoyed Christmas time more than we have this one. The snow came just in time for sleighing, coasting and rabbit hunting, and we have improved every minute possible. I was never more amused than I have been, mother, to see Gertrude and Amos coast down the hill behind the barn. I had no idea that Gertrude could handle a sleigh with so much skill. Amos is pretty expert at coasting, but she certainly wouldn't perform at all more than a minute before she would become frightened, lose control of the sled, which would skid around sidewise, tip over and send rolling out in the deep snow. Well, mother and dear kiddos, we've had a glorous time for a whole week, feasting, dancing, singing and in being good to each other, haven't we? And now let us go to bed and dream it all over again, mother and I will do every night until you children come back in the spring from your graduation, to remain always with us in the dear old farm home. Good night.

railway station this morning to bid good-by to Gertrude and Amos, and after they had gone on the train which left a few minutes after our arrival, Clara and I sat down in the waiting room to talk over the Christ-mas doings, just as two children would have done. We told each other of presents which had been given and received by each member of our families and merrymaking in our homes, and we agreed that it had been the happiest hoilday season that we had ever experienced. Speaking of the custom of passing undesirable gifts along to some other person at some future time, she said that it was more common than one would suppose and told a good joke on sister Sue, with whom she and another woman were lunching at a restaurant a day after Christmas. The other woman had just galefully explained her system of re-distribution of gifts that were wholly useless to her. "I keep the bottom drower of my bureau just for Christ-mas presents," and said "and when I get anything I don't want, a duplicate of something I already have, I just tuck it away for next year with all the other odd things I collect from time to time." Sister Sue nodded, smiled and replied: "I did something like that last year. I had three silver topped buff boxes that had been giv en to me at various times, and, al-though I am not in the habit of passing gifts along, it seemed such a pity to keep them all when I knew where one would be greatly appreciated, that I decided to give it away. It was very good looking and would be a handsome gift, but had my initials were engraved on the cover, I took it to a jeweler to have them altered. He said it was possible to remove them and put new ones on, but after he had examined it carefully he shook his head. I am sorry to disappoint you, madam, he added, regretfully, but as it has been done before, perhaps several times, the metal is too thin to admit of it being done again.' I have been wondering ever since how many Merry Christmases that over-worked puff box has figured in."

Mother, Cousin Clara was at the

To protect ourselves against "dump ing" we need a revised tariff law, uni-formly administered. Such a law will be enacted by the Congress . to be sorry, dear," she said coaxingly. elected next year.

FREE TRADE GOSSIP.

Culled from the Leading Newspapers From all Parts of the Country

Democratic rule and deficit are one nd inseparable.

The "full dinner pail" is spoken of n reverential instead of sneering

ones these days.

They call a high flown political propaganda that swoops down on hat swoops down on things after death a buzzard.

Every farm product placed on the free list by the Democratic administration is a slap on the vital interests of the American farmer. And the farmer will strike back at the next

An elaborate book has just been published entitled, "Shall we abandon the Philippines?" What now interests the American industrial employe most is shall we abandon the United States to further free trade demoli-

Of course free trade "prosperity' that pays pie-chasing partisans fat salaries who never had any business except politics, may suit some free trade favorites, but it doesn't suit the American industrial classes-and they to get up early in the morning and you had better pack your grip tonight expect to express their disapproval in November, 1916.

> Industry is what makes a nation possible, Without business enterprise people could not remain long in a country; hence there would be no social order and no nation. Therefore, n expurgating enemies to the nation don't forget the arch-enemy to the in-dustrial life that makes the nation possible. And that's free trade.

> All this talk about restoring the duy on sugar, and thus adding from tifty to sixty millions to the revenues, goes on, we observe, without a word of commendation from the White House. Free sugar was a fetich with Wilson when the Underwood Tariff bill was under consideration, and he in the face of party rebellion in the sugar producing states of the South.

An imposing memorial to William McKinley has just been started at Niles, his birthplace. Niles is a manufacturing town whose growth and prosperity is in a great measure due to the boost of a protective tariff. The town's most distinguished son gained the name of the "Father of Protection." A score of thousands of other towns share with McKinley's tic task.

Wherein does Democratic free trade benefit the American farmer, whose products must, as natural consequenfore you voted the Democratic ticket, should take the time to do a little in vestigating on your own account, and find out just where you are "at,

To get money for any purpose for the actual running expenses of the Government, to say nothing of money for an enlarged army and navy program, means either a bond issue or a series of Government notes, revision of the tariff along Republican ines. Either of these alternatives spell Democratic ruin. Cleveland's bond issue contributed more to discredit the second administration with he large mass of the voters than anyhing else. To attempt a revision of the tariff on Republican lines would be an admission of the complete fail-ure of the fundamental doctrine on which the Democratic party has planted itself from time out of mind. The only alternative, therefore, is to "renig" on the national defense program. This the administration and the Democracy are preparing for.

Can there be any doubt that if milions of men had not been called to arms in Europe the United States would have been fairly flooded with foreign-made goods? Some idea of he proportions if the inundation may be gained from the fact that the nine months ending with September, 1914, witnessed an increase of over \$82,000, 000 in our imports. Incidently, the same period witnessed the utterly disheartening decrease of \$265,883,712 in our exports. It is literally true that the country's whole industrial and business was saved by the frightful calamaty of war which was visited ipon Europe.

But the war will end and what then? Are Mr. Wilson and his party pre-pared to be accountable to the country for what follows?

If the American producer and the foreign producer should both be as-sured that free trade would be the permanent policy of the United States one of two things would happeneither the American workman would come very close to the foreign standard of wage and living, or he would cease to produce articles which can be produced by foreigners. Fortunately, both Americans and foreigners know that free trade is only a temp orary policy and that within a very short time the American people will resume command of their own markets, Hence, the American producer does not give up his industries nor does the foreigner make the large in vestments that would be necessary to supply our market fully. We curtail our expenses, cut out laxuries live economically, maintain breadlines and take advantage of the partial relief afforded by foreign war.

There is a disposition in some quarers to make light of the matter and take the view that the old-world ations will be so broken by the war that they will have no recunerating INSTANT, easy action of Alder-i-ka power, and hence that it will be a is astonishing. J. S. Lamar, Druggist.

long time before they are in a posi-tion to develop trade with other lands. This is a superficial and misleading view, refuted by all the teachings of experience. There will be only one hope for the war-worn people of the old world. They must depend upon industrial activity to recoup themselves. That means that they will avail themselves of every possible opening for business with contenporary nations, and the United States will be an especially tempting market. What quantities of old-world manufactures will be dumped upon our American industry and eats its heart shores at less than bargain counter out free trade, and the biwinged bird prices unless there shall be action in time to prevent! And nothing will be so effective as a substantial tariff.

> The era of partial free trade, under which the country has been living, made it impossible for the building up of establishments for the manufacture of costly printing inks and dyes. A few days ago thirty or forty of the argest manufacturers of the country held a meeting at Atlantic City for the purpose of deciding what they night do. Colored inks are scarce, and orders are only taken subject to ancellation. Some of the dyes now ised are made in America, and are found not to be of good quality. The sermans were making all the dyes At the meeting at Atlantic City hirty-five thousand printing offices were represented in person or ty proxy. It was decided that everyone nust economize in the use of inks and ives. Under the inspiration of a pro ective tariff all inks and dyes used in merica would have been made in merica. There is no dodging the is ue. This country ought to be made self sustaining, and this can only be one by a protective tariff.

HAYTER OBJECTS TO LIQUOR LAW

Finds it Big Task to Clip Booze Ads From Magazines and Periodicals.

"Doing our best to be law-abiding citizens, and find it darned hard work." said J. C. Hayter of Dallas, peeking over the top of a pile of magazines which all but hid him from bill was under consideration, and he view. It is hardly necessary to add drove it through a reluctant Congress that Mr. Hater, like hundreds of other Oregon newsdealers, was busily searching the popular magazines for iquor advertisements and laying aside such periodicals as are under the ban.

The prohibition law does not at-tempt to prohibit the importation of magazines containing liquor ads, but does make it a criminal offense to display or circulate such publications The newsdealers are working early and late in their effort to comply with the law, but are finding a gigan-

"I ran a newspaper twenty years and never allowed a booze ad in it," said Mr. Hayter. "I could easily keep them out of one newspaper, but I tell you when it comes to keeping them out of more than 150 different magatrude beats him out of sight. When I watched her quick flight down hill on the products of free trade countries, You Democratic farmers who are votable and I wondered what a figure a You Democratic farmers who are votable and impossible, no matter how hard one may try to perform it. tement that lawmakers who bear that sled I wondered what a figure a nerveless, pampered city girl would nerveless, pampered city girl would cause your father and grandfather because your father and grandfather sense of fairness to bear with our unntentional oversights until such time the magazine publishers may be duced to issue special Oregon editions from which liquor ads have been eliminated."-Itemizer.

## Gunpowder from the Air.

Dispatches from Germany ansounce that the manufacturer of powder without the use of cotton is being carried on with success Cellular mat erial from forests is being used as substitute. The second important ingrediant saltpeter is being derived from atmosphere, as everybody knows contains a vast amount of ni trogen: Germany claims that it wil e able not only to manufacture all the powder it needs but even to ex port basic materials within a year. The United States has no trouble about the supply of cotton, for it produces more cotton many times over than any other country in the world. But it has been compelled to rely or Chile for its supply of sodium of ni-trate. The principal ingredient of most explosives is formed by treating ordinary cotton with nitric acid. S ong as the supply of nitrogen is drawn principally from sodium of ni-trate, it would be necessary for thes country to lay in a stock from Chile o carry the country through any period of war.

"Strictly Reliable, Greatest Cancer Specia 434D & 436E Valencia St., San Fran KINDLY MAIL THIS to senece with C The annual report of the chief of ordinance, made to the secretary of war, dwells at length on the situation It argues that there is little probability of this country laying in a stock of sodium nitrate sufficient to carry it through any war. It suggests that it would be safer to follow the example of European countries, which have in successful operation plants for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen. In order to obtain this with sufficient cheapness, the chief of ordinance says that water power must be employed. He says that the use of steam-generated electricity would make the price practically prohibitive. Since the Federal Government controls the sources of water power, it can perscribe the conditions under which private parties may develop it, and the chief of ordinance wisely proposes that the regulations shall be fashioned as to insure an adequate supply of sodium nitrate, in case of

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