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## NO FIXED CLASSES

 DREW CARNEGIE has denied with great indigna tion an insinuation in London that he is a member Carnegie hasane ed vigor: And, as usual when he talks warmly, he hal something to say of substantial good sense.
three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves There is no single hereditary fortune in Ameriea that is not being split up. Aristocracy cannot exist without pri mogeniture and entail, and our laws know neither:" This earnest statement has all the more force because amples the world has of the man who begins life in his shirt sleeves and ends it with more than he knows what
 wise. The whole e list of America's multi-mililionaires con-
tains scarcely the name of a single man who did not start in life comparatively poor. They began work in their shirt sleeves; and it was the work, with the strength of
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ally promotes, which made them masters.
ally promotes, which made them masters.
And there is even a longer list of men who began life rich and are ending it poor.
It is an unwritten and almost infallible law that the boy pampered in wealth has a poor chance in the contest with he poor boy whose mind and muscles have been trained toil.
We talk about "classes" in this country without knowing the word's meaning. We have social lrades, educational levels, and ranks of riches; but fixed classes
ciety, learning or wealth are absolutely impossible
Giety, learning or wealth are absoutely impossiole. climbing upwart, while others, weakened by wealth, sink climbing upward, while
back to common service.
AMERICAN FASHIONS FOR AMERICAN WOMEN

THE General Federation of Women's Clubs at their bennial session in Chicago has given its serious at-
tention to the problem of the clothes that women today are wearing; and the resolutions diected against indecorous vagaries of fashion by the aswomen throughout the country
The woman who feels bound to follow every change of asinon the Rue de la Paxix wishes to enforce can give her dietated, neither by artistic sense nor fitness, but by the mere desire of gain. The French designer laughs in his
sleeve when he sees how easy it is to sell to an American market what his aristocratic clientele at home would reFollowing the fashions is in itself a profession. A woman's whole time may easily be occupied with planning what to wear, having it made and rehearsing the effect of it in Peacock alley. Does it not seem a low order of intellect that is content to don striking changes of costume merely to attract notice? When a woman wears ballroom cosmetics, blazing jewelry and French heels in he public highway in broad day it may be supposed that she realizes her paucity of any but these tawdry attrac ions. It is a confession that such gorgeous plumage is he whole allurens, that these decorations for which the world has been ransacked are without the charm of personaltractive women loaded with wosmeties seen highly and precious stones, as though to create envy where they know they cannot win admiration?

Colonel Roosevelt attacks the Colombian treaty and hat the rebellion of Paname a pretting up of a sepssio

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government was caused largely by the colonel, in his se-
curing the Panama canal rights. It was not a creditable thing, and naturally the colonel kicks against anything hat would reflect on his action in the case. It is a notorous fact that the United States gave Colombia dirt in that deal, and while money given her as a sop may be foolish and uncalled for, that being a matter of opinion, it is cerain that we owe her an apology. Whether we owe her anything tangible for taking her territory, the Panama canal zone, away from her, is a question of international ethics.
 along this line. United States shall admit within her domains, or whom
she will permit to own lands within her domain. Japan She will permit to own lands within her domain. Japan
has another think coming. That is a matter the people of
the United States will insist on deciding for themselves. Japan might as well accept this condition, for neither she the things that will never reach The Hague.
Chicago has set a new mark on the high cost of living.
Recently a man and his wife were taken before a Chicago police judge and found guilty of biting a policeman. The small mouthfuls and the wife $\$ 25$ for a dainty bit right out
of the neck. At this price most folks will "stick to their mutton."
There is a vast difference in conditions today between Salem, Oregon, and Salem, Massachusetts. Here all i
gaiety and pleasure, music and flowers, plenty and com fort; and there all is gloom and disaster, homes destroyed
and death a daily visitor. Wonder how the judges managed before Noah ate that pple. There was no knowledge of good and evil befor have fallen like the rains, on the just and unjust alike.
The dispatches state that a French ruin has been pur chased by America and will be brought to this country. Is it possible that this is another way of advertising frewell tour for Sarah Bernhardt?
While the Oregonian is taking a fling at the pork barre it pats Senator Borah on the back for making the south ern senators come through for the west with a libera chunk of that same pork.
Painless Parker should use his especial methods in ex
tracting the teeth of the dental trust. His methods with hat body seem to be far from painless, from the groan following his attempt.
That baby parade did not have any of the earmarks of hard times, psychological or other. The streets blocked not suffering.
Colonel Roosevelt says if Perkins is forced out of the almost compulsory for there would be no party left except the colonel.
One of the delightful features of the Cherry Fair was
ne that was not here. It was that there were no political ne that was not here. It was that there were no politica didates on hand to make non-political speeche.
The east will see one of the most delightful pictures ever hown by the movies when the films showing Salem's in mitable baby parade reach that section.


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