

## "THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF MAN."

A correspondent, in congratulating The Monetary Times upon its recent articles upon unionism, seizes the opportunity to send us a parody on Wordsworth's poem "We are Seven," which is so peculiarly applicable to some features of modern labor combination that it is worth reproducing. It is taken from London "Punch" and reads as follows:

An artless, dull, mechanic, fool,  
By Union catchwords caught—  
Why should he want a better school  
Of economic thought?

It was a gracious morn of spring,  
The hour was half-past six,  
Some men were on a scaffolding  
Engaged in laying bricks.

My fancies, soaring with the lark,  
Recurring to common soil,  
I felt I could not but remark  
The dignity of toil.

Anon I set this thought aside,  
Observing one that cast  
Reproaches on his mate and cried,  
"Ere, stow it! not so fast!"

"Good friend," I said, in wonder lost,  
"I am concerned to know  
What is the cause why you accost  
Yon earnest workman so?"

"If to be idle were a sin,  
I naturally ask  
Why you should want to check him in  
The middle of his task?"

"Guv'nor," he said, "you take my word,  
It's time 'e 'ad a rest;  
It ain't no manners in a bird  
To queer his neighbor's nest

"If 'e don't mend 'e'll 'ave to quit;  
I know 'is nawsty tricks;  
'E works too rapid; 'e's a bit  
Too 'andy with 'is bricks!

"Take it from me, that's why I'n put  
To check 'is little plan,  
An' stop 'im trampin' under foot  
'The Equal Rights o' Man!'"

"If in the act of laying bricks  
He tastes a human joy,  
Would you propose," I said, "to fix  
A term to that employ?"

"Read what the Union bosses say,"  
That guileless swain replied;  
"They lets us lay so much a day,  
And not a brick beside.

"'E'd like to knock the stiff uns out,  
By layin' all he can;  
I tell him straight, 'ere 'ow about  
'The Equal Rights o' Man!'"

"Your case," I cried, "betrays a flaw;  
The souls of men are free,  
You seem to overlook the law  
Of manhood's liberty.

"On competition's eager head  
"You place a tyrant's ban."  
"That's 'ow our motto runs," he said—  
"The Equal Rights o' Man?"

"But you ignore," I answer made,  
"You place upon the shelf  
The promise of celestial aid  
To him that helps himself.

"Each should improve what hours he may  
Within his mortal span."

Vain words! he still would have his way;  
"That's what the Union bosses say—  
'The Equal Rights o' Man!'"

## A CHANCE FORTUNE.

Stock exchange members have been very much amused by the first experience of a young broker on the floor. He tried law and real estate and insurance without marked success. His friends advised him to put all his money into a stock exchange seat and trust to executing orders for other brokers for his income.

He acted on this advice and spent one week after securing his seat in studying the operations of other brokers. Then he announced that he was ready for business, and when a broker telephoned to him for his first order to buy 5,000 shares of a certain stock he executed it with enthusiasm and credited himself with \$100 commission. Ringing up the purchaser he said:

"I secured 5,000 of that stock."

"Five thousand! Great Scott! I ordered 1,000 shares. You can keep the other 4,000 for yourself."

The young broker hung up his telephone and hurried to tell his story to an experienced friend on the floor.

"I seem to have dished myself on the first throw of the box," he said, and I can't possibly take care of 4,000 shares of stock."

"What was the stock?" asked his friend.

The young broker named it and the price at which he bought it.

"You are all right," said his friend. "It is up two points now and jumping fast. Hang on to it until I tell you to sell."

His stock happened to be the feature of the market that day, and when shortly before two o'clock the young broker closed out his 4,000 shares and figured out his profits he found that his mistake had profited him just \$40,000. He has invested his money, and vows that he will never speculate again except on mistakes.—New York Sun.

## IDENTIFICATION.

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