

of the trouble. It is all very well to talk of "where ignorance is bliss," etc. When a man has swallowed half a quart of boiled lime, flavored with Paris green, it is scarcely possible to keep him in ignorance of the fact, even if it were desirable. Mr. F. realized at once what had happened to him, and with a coolness worthy of a nobler cause, proceeded to reason out the matter thus: "To die by arsenical poison is a dreadful death. To die by suffocation is comparatively painless. As I have to die (Paris Green is relentless), let it be by suffocation." Reasoning thus he heaped the kitchen stove with anthracite, left the stove doors open, and retired again to his couch, with the expectation of finding himself defunct within a reasonable time.

The inward Kalsomining he had given himself, however, so worried his mind and gnawed, so to speak, at the mucous membrane of his stomach, that any such thing as a comfortable and peaceful ending was found to be out of the question. He immediately proceeded to awaken the school district by his howls. The family crowded around him in various stages of alarm; hot coffee was administered as soon as possible with a beneficial result, and we are pleased to hear that Mr. Finney is now out of danger. But it was a narrow escape, and he has made up his mind for the future to examine carefully his moonlight libations.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE W. L. A.

The Librarian regrets exceedingly that he is called upon on the part of the Management of The Massey Mfg. Co. to express a feeling of disappointment from the fact that the Library they have provided for their employés is so little used. No pains are spared to make the Reading Room attractive and comfortable, and a copious supply of the very best literature is kept upon the Library tables—all this and other privileges are given to the employés free of any charge whatever—yet, but a small fraction of them ever pay it any attention! Gentlemen! is this appreciation? It is to be hoped that a more lively interest in Library matters may be manifested in the future than has been shown in the past. By the arrangement spoken of in the article following this you may now bring your family with you, or they may come and enjoy the Reading Room without you, and we sincerely hope that this will be a means of bringing the Library into better use.

Many members of the W. L. A. have failed to borrow magazines for home reading from a want of a proper understanding of the "Circulating System."

We have improved the "System" and simplified matters somewhat, so that now it will be found much more convenient.

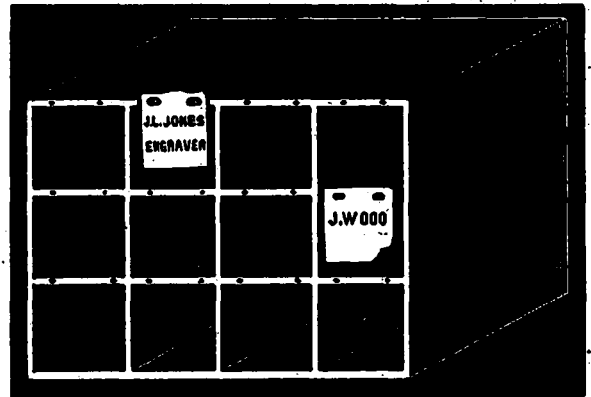
Every employé who possesses a membership ticket of the W. L. A., is entitled to the privilege of borrowing any monthly magazine or weekly paper coming to our Library for home reading.

Each magazine will be kept on file till the next issue of the same kind arrives. When periodicals have been removed from their files, loans may be effected in the following manner:

Fill out a "request blank" (such as will always be found on the writing table), writing the name of the periodical you wish to borrow, together with its date in the first line; sign the slip and deposit it, in the Librarian's Drawer. Write nothing in the space after the word "Lent."

A periodical (when it is loanable), for which request is made, will be placed in one of the pigeon-holes of the "Library Case" (at the main entrance to the Works for employés), and the name of the earliest applicant will appear in front of it.

We give an illustration of the "Library Case" which, as seen, contains magazines for "J. L. Jones" and "J. Wood."



The Library will be open every working day from 12 to 12 55 o'clock.

Any member depositing a "request" at noon will find the periodical he wishes to borrow in the "Library Case" as he passes out of the Works in the evening, or if not he will find a note addressed to him on the "Library Notice Board" above the "Library Case."

Let members remove and read any notice placed upon the "Notice Board" for them as early as possible. When there is a magazine in the "Case" for you, tear off the card with your name written upon it, and remove the magazine promptly.

Magazines may be kept out ten days, after that they will be charged for at the rate of *two cents* per day.