

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"WOMAN IN THE WORKSHOP."

REPLY TO "L. J. L." BY "EMILIE."
 To the Editor of THE ECHO:
 Sir,—In reply to an article by "L. J. L." on "Woman in the Workshop," which appeared in your last week's paper, I would ask if that change in woman which evidently has made itself felt has materially injured labor? If so, in what way? "L. J. L." implies because they work for less. Well, is that not the way in almost every branch of trade. The old, yet familiar, saying that "Competition is the life of trade" proves this. In every town, city and country, the mass of humanity are striving for the mighty dollar. Why then complain unceasingly of competition from female labor? Are the wages of laborers less than they were before their gentle competitors entered the vast field of labor? It ought to act as a stimulus, as it did in the case of the students, rather than as a drawback.

In regard to the question, Does woman ultimately derive any benefit by spending her tender years in the workshop? or does a father profit by sending his daughters to earn their own living? I would ask your correspondent what father who has his children's education and future happiness at heart does ask his daughters to go to the workshop. But, alas, how many are there? You will agree with me they are very few. I must admit, I do not think a father derives much benefit; on the contrary, I think it a disgrace for any man in the full enjoyment of health to depend on his children for support. If fathers would make good use of their earnings, instead of maintaining saloon keepers' families and squandering it on empty and unsatisfying pleasures it would greatly tend to lessen female labor. But I would state that, if fathers derive little or no benefit, widowed mothers depend entirely on it for their maintenance, having no earthly "lord and master" to contribute to their support, and I think if the sterner sex knew what unselfish motives usually prompts a young girl to seek employment where she will receive the highest salary they would, I am sure, think differently of her. Your correspondent further states that men are apt to wound their delicate feelings. Why should this be? Should a man not be a gentleman at all times—whether at business or at home? I would suggest that, if such be the nature of man, unable to take his stand as a man in the small trials and reverses of his daily toil, I doubt if he would be capable of ruling his own household, where he so much desires to be honored, respected and loved.

"L. J. L." seems anxious to impress upon your readers that man is a different being at home from what he is in the shop, therefore he cannot be honored as he should. It seems to me that knowing what hardships he has to encounter ought to make them better able to sympathize with yet not honor them the less. It would indeed be a deplorable state of affairs if all females engaged in offices and shops lost their blushes and innocent ways, so fascinating to the opposite sex. But I may safely say that the all-absorbing love to comfort and gladden the hearts of aged mothers fully compensate us for all such minor losses, if they are lost, for "L. J. L." may make some allowance for us weaker mortals while engaged in our daily struggle as he emphatically does for the stronger sex.

I very much doubt if girls that have been employed in offices, etc., would not make more economical wives knowing the value of their husbands' earnings and having had the experience of money matters left entirely in their keeping than a girl who has been content to allow her mother to manage almost everything unaided, who does not realize the value of a dollar.

That is, indeed, a brilliant idea; let the girls stay at home and the men will receive higher wages, but what would the majority do with it? Some great reformation must take place before it will prove a boon to their daughters. Till then I will firmly believe that female labor has proved a blessing to many a wanting home and will continue to be so.

Lastly, who is better able to guide and mould the character and habits of her children than a mother who understands what his temptations and struggles in this life are likely to be, as love combined with experience is the best of all teachers.

Yours, &c.,
 EMILIE.

"WOMAN IN THE WORKSHOP."

BY "A STRAIGHT HOOK."

Some say that a girl from the workshop is fittest
 As a wife for the man who's to work for his bread;
 Because of experience she's had full and plenty,
 In seeing the mother make father's wage spread.

Her own observation must also have taught her—
 (She sees it each day in the shop where employed)—
 That the man who should earn is not fairly treated;

By woman, who's cheaper (?), his labor's enjoyed.
 If woman expects to be queen of a household
 Where joy'll ever reign and be absent all care,
 Herself must assert: If with man she competeth,
 All such competition must be equal and fair.

Now where's the mechanic who'll venture on marriage,
 And hamper his life with a family, or "ties,"

If this woman-in-the-workshop bugbear is to fright him,
 Or lessen the hope of his household supplies.

VARIETIES.

About 400 million pounds of soap are used in Britain yearly.

In some parts of Norway corn is still used as a substitute for coin.

Most of the fine writing papers used on the continent of Europe are made in the United Kingdom.

The native Australians are very anxious that the dead should not return to them out of their graves, and to prevent their doing so they tie the hands of the corpses and pull out their finger-nails before burial. They believe that if these precautions are not taken, the corpse will scratch its way out and come back again to frighten its relatives.

The tobacco question has obtained a great deal of attention in religious conferences of late. The other day the Universalists at Buffalo resolved "that this convention regrets the use of tobacco by clergymen in its fellowship." There is probably no brand of tobacco so mild as this resolution. It is worthy of note that of the ladies, who are usually credited with an inveterate enmity to the weed, two voted for and two against the motion.

The cough or puff of a railway engine is due to the abrupt emission of white steam up the chimney. When moving slowly the coughs can of course be heard following each other quite distinctly, but when speed is put on the puffs come out one after the other much more rapidly, and when eighteen coughs a second are produced they cannot be separately distinguished by the ear. A locomotive running at the rate of nearly seventy miles an hour gives out twenty puffs of steam every second—that is, ten from each of its two cylinders.

From an official statement recently made, it appears that the total sales of Mr. Herbert Spencer's works in Great Britain, up to April 18th, 1890, amounted to 104,000 copies, exclusive of the "Descriptive Sociology." This number includes 33,750 copies of the various volumes of "The Synthetic Philosophy," 39,500 copies of "Education," and 20,000 copies of "Man versus the State." The total sales of the authorized American editions of Mr. Spencer's works to date amounted to 164,000 copies. To these must be added the cheap pirated editions.

The medusa, or so-called jelly-fish, which live at the surface of the ocean in the full vigor of life, are just like living blebs or globes of water. Analyse their bodies and you find that for every single part of solid matter present there are nearly 999 parts of the universal liquid. Take the water completely out of them and you will have to search with a microscope for what is left. Do not remove that fluid so completely, but simply dry the creature in the sun, and nothing but the most delicate membrane of what was one of the most extraordinary living organisms in creation will remain behind in your hands.

EMIGRATION STATISTICS OF ENGLAND.—Some recent figures by Robert Giffen, the English statistician, confirm the received opinion that emigration affords no sufficient check upon the population of the United Kingdom. Great Britain has lost 9,000,000 by emigration since 1855; of this number 7,000,000 were of British or Irish origin, and this is an average of 243,000 a year, yet the population of Great Britain has grown to about 38,000,000, a gain of about 10,000,000 in the same time. In the last four years the excess of births over deaths was 1,763,000, while the excess of immigration over emigration is only 685,000. There has been a gain, therefore, of a little over 4,000,000 in the population of Great Britain since 1885.

The first organ that we know anything about was constructed in Alexandria 150 years before Christ, by Ctesibius, who was also very probably its inventor. The period of its introduction into Europe, now pre-eminently the organ continent, is uncertain. Pope Vitalian, who lived about 670 A.D., is supposed to have been the first to adopt it and recommend its use in Christian churches, but the earliest reliable account we have of its presence in Europe informs us that about the year 755 the Greek Emperor Copronymus sent one as a present to Pepin, the King of France. As early as the time of the Emperor Charlemagne, however, organs became comparatively common in Europe.

CHRISTIAN WARS.—Prof Leon Levi, the statistician, has calculated that since the commencement of the Christian era there have been 286 great wars in which Christian countries have engaged. Classified as to causes they are as follows: Forty-four wars of ambition, to obtain extension of country. Twenty-two wars of plunder, tribute, etc. Twenty-four wars of retaliation or revenge. Eight wars to settle questions of honor or prerogative. Six wars arising from disputed claims to some territory. Forty-one wars arising from disputed titles to crowns. Thirty wars commenced under pretence of assisting an ally. Twenty-three wars originating in jealousy of rival greatness. Five wars which have grown out of commerce. Fifty-five civil wars. Twenty-eight wars on account of religion.

How Playing Cards are Made.

The cardboard is procured from Holyoke, Mass. It is made in sheets large enough for fifty-four cards. The printing has to be done in six impressions—two colors for the back and four for the face. The pattern for the back is generally an interwoven check in green and yellow, when this is printed the cards are reversed and the red plates put on. This prints the hearts and diamonds, the king's scabbard, crown and nose, jack's hat and mantle, and several portions of the queen's dress. The blue and yellow colors follow in succession, both being used mainly in giving additional lustre to the court costumes. Then the black plate finishes. When the cards are printed they are cut in long strips, each strip showing six cards placed lengthways. Then the cutting machine clips them out with rounded corners ready for the packer. At this stage only half the work is done. The sorting, counting and folding requires as many hands to perform as do the printing and clipping. The work is done mainly by girls.

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