

Critic's Corner

The *Twentieth Century* has begun a series of articles with a view to pointing out needed reforms in standards of wages, hours of work, minimum ages for employees, etc. The first of the series is a luminous review of the legislation regulating child labor in the United States. The writer, Florence Kelley, deplores the prevalent notion that boys are well employed in selling papers on city streets, a notion that has been fostered by a type of fiction which adopts newsboy heroes. "The public assumed that the newsboy was destined to become a merchant or a railroad director or a president of the United States. To this day that perverse old tradition lingers." The proposal is made to reserve for cripples and convalescents the work of newspaper selling.

While American magazines are trying to account for the unexpected overthrow of Reciprocity in Canada, and British journals from various points of view are commenting on Canadian public affairs, it is pleasing to find out one of the most popular of religious monthlies treating a phase of Canadian life from close and sympathetic observation. *Sunday At Home* for October has an illustrated sketch of some strange peoples of Western Canada, under the title "A Jumble of Races," by Millicent H. Morrison. Hindu, Chinese and Japanese life on the coast are treated with some detail. The Bhuddist services held by the Japanese fishermen at Steveston are said to resemble somewhat closely in outward form, those of a Roman Catholic church. Amid all the conflicting creeds the writer finds one gospel to be very generally followed—"the gospel of getting on". The "Ten Demandments" hanging in a salmon cannery in Steveston are reproduced in full as an example of gross worldly wisdom. We cannot refrain from quoting two of these: "Don't lie; it wastes my time and yours. I am sure to catch you in the end, and it is the wrong end"; "Don't do anything here that hurts your self-respect. An employee who is willing to steal for me, is willing to steal from me."

E. W. Patchett, in the October *University Magazine*, gives a lucid summary of the results of historical research on the life and