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## By R. B. SUTHERS.

The Co-Operators

To think of Tommy Atkins in the stes when that Committee has report-|backstairs of the Treasury time trenches, the singing, careless hero ed. I don't think the Pirates are without number in the effort to in whose one thought is to do his duty trembling much. fluence the authorities to bring Co The Pirates wax fat and they kick. operatie dividends under the tax. and to serve his country, and to think

- The Pirates and

in the same moment of his brother at Their influence knows no bounds. One Unfortunately for the Pirates the home the Pirate, who is not heroic, section of these vampires, not satis- Co-operators had such a strong case whose one thought is to rob his fel- fied with the opportunities for plunder that no Chancellor of the Exchequer low-citizens-well, it is a very silly afforded by the ordinary channels, are has yet been able to oblige them. thing to do. It is altogether too dis- seeking to line their pockets with the That case is a strong to-day, but the

turbing. poor savings of the Co-operators. and a second stand of the Pirates are stronger and more un-The Co-operative Movement in this scrupulous than ever. The Coalition Can these two men be brothers, men of the same race, the same coun- country is a gigantic affair, or it is for the purposes of the war also has try, bred in the same traditions and otherwise; according to your point of meant a Coalition of Liberal and Tory habits and customs? It seems impos- view. All the societies together now Pirates for the purposes of private have an annual turnover of more plunder.

When one thinks of the loathsome than £160,000,000. Compared with Last year the Pirates scored a point. reature those thoughts at this tragic the whole trade of the country, They succeeded in inducing the Chantime are directed chiefly to profit- £160,000,000 is not much-a mere cellor of the Exchequer to impose the making; when one thinks of the filthy bagatelle. Even compared with the Excess Profits Tax on the Co-operintrigues, the base tricks, the lying, possible spending power of the wage- ative dividends. The Co-operators and the scheming by which that profit earners, it is not a great sum. Only protested, but they have no direct reis too often consummated; when one about £1 in £7 of wages is spent at presentatives in the House, and the sees the horrible, effrontery with the Co-operative stores. But £160,- money being urgently needed for the which this soulless vampire wishes to 000 is a respectable turnover com- war; the Co-operators did not carry have it proved that he is by descent a pared with nothing, and according to their protest as far as they would the Pirates Co-operative stores ought have done under peace conditions Hun.

Perhaps he is; perhaps he is not. to be abolished. That £160,000,000 of The Pirates are never guilty of sim-Perhaps, if he were put in khaki and trade, say the Pirates, ought to belong ilar diffidence, in protecting their in shipped over to France, and sent into to us. terests.

the trenches, perhaps he, too, would The Pirates have watched the This year the Pirates hoped to win sing and fight and die for his country growth of Co-operation with ill-con- all along the line. They tried again at one-and-a-apenny a day. Environ- cealed hatred. They do not like Co1 to bring all the Co-operative dividend operation except when the Co-operat- under the income-tax, but the Chanment works' wonders.

or dividend, then they should be taxed on their total 'turnover.' It is a specious argument, but not cut any cake. It is not inevitable that the £160,000,000 of Cooperative trade, if in other hands, would yield income-tax. There are thousands of small shopkeepers whose Tommy Atkins income is below the income-tax limit. If the new argument is sound, all trade ought to be in the hands of individuals with incomes of £130 and upwards. This would no doubt please the big Pirates, but it is not yet the law of the land, and is therefore no argument for taxing Co-operative "dividends." " " " " " " " " " " " German ? " German ? " There are other signs that the Cooperators' progress is getting on the nerves of the profiteers. Last week wholesale firm announced that in luture they would not sell any goods o Co-operative stores. So there is to to another boycott campaign. The last one was not very successful, but

all these preparations for their desruction will have to be met by the Co-operators, and there is no doubt hey need waking up to their powers and possibilities. The war' should have taught them that being clothed in he armour of righteousness is not ufficient defence against the machina ions of profiteers.

If there is space I should like to note a gem of purest ray serene from he letter of an anti-Co-operator in he Press. He says: "No honest itizen who thinks can expect pernanently to continue to sell his labur to enterprise and purchase his re-

uirements from Socialism. That is the whole secret of ttack on Co-operation. The



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Meantime, he is at home and pro- ors are Pirates. They have in past cellor of the Exchequer refused to bably too old to be put into khaki. years made strenuous efforts to de- give way, and the Pirates had to be The problem is how to make him as stroy the movement, and still it content with his promise that the much of a gentleman as Tommy At- grows. Lately they have made an- whole question should be the subjec other attack, but for the present they of inquiry after the war. kins. Can it be done?

If it ever be done it will be done by have been foiled. After the war they Meantime, Co-operative trade ha assimilating the Pirate's environment promise to give Co-operation been increasing and the Pirates are knock-out blow. to that of Tommy Atkins. Tommy marshalling their forces for a great The latest attack on the Co-operat-Atkins does his work, which happens campaign. The object is to crush of to be killing, and he gets his pay. He ive Movement took the form of cripple Co-operation amongst wage-Parliamentary attempt to impose on makes no profit. He is not even on earners. The attempt to impose in the "dividends" of Co-operative sociepiece work. He does not get so much come-tax on Co-operative dividends a head for Germans killed. He gets ties the payment of income-tax. is not simply a question of justice in Up to the time of the war, Co-op- taxation; it is part of the plan for his pay-a bare living in most cases-

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and he is happy, and he sings, and erative societies have not been chargundermining and destroying the whole ed with income-tax on their "divi- edifice of Co-operation. he thinks chiefly of doing his duty. dends" as ordinary trading concerns The reason no Chancellor of the The Pirate, on the other hand, thinks last of his duty. He thinks, are charged income-tax on their Exchequer has hitherto imposed in "profits," come-tax on Co-operative dividends is first of his profits. And the horrible This immunity has been a thorn in that the dividends are not "profits. thing is that in war time he should

the flesh of the Pirates for years. No twisting of the facts can make fits, that he should scheme to rob the They have worn the carpet off the them "profits," and some of the Pirates have at last realised this, and are now attacking from a new posi

wounds and his wealth from appro-priation by the enemy. Let us hope P.E. OUTERBRIDGE A A hundred or a thousand co-opera tors over a shop. They subscribe th his environment. Pro-making is not Broker & Commission Merchant capital required, on which they re ceive a fixed interest. Income-tax, should be noticed, is charged on this Oil, Fish, etc., sold on low rates interest.

of commission. Prompt settle- The shop manager buys goods and sells them to the Co-operators. He

All business entrusted to me ro- buys them with the Co-operators' mon-If we put the Pirate-the Food ceives personal care and attention. ey, and receives payment from the Pirate, or the Coal Pirate, or the Acting in the capacity of Broker Co-operators. The goods are sold a Clothing Pirate-on the same terms for Messrs. Samuel Harris Ltd, the usual market prices, and, as as Tommy Atkins, if we gave him pay The Marystown Trading Co. an 1 ordinary trade, the manager of th for his work and took away the appor- other well known out of town shop finds there is a balance to th tunities of making profit, he might firms, I am in constant touch with good. In the ordinary shop this si the market and can obtain the best "profit", and is taken by the owner become as much a gentleman as Tomof business. In the Co-operative store prices possible. my Atkins. It seems impossible. But

this balance is not "profit"; it be DEPARTMEN longs to the Co-overators, who bough' their own goods, and is divided

amongst them in proportion to . the Having recently established a amount of their individual purchases Transhipment Department I am A, a Co-operator, spends £1 at the prepared to handle transhipments Co-operative shop; B spends £2; there is a war. He knows that men to and from the outports with spends £3. Total sales, £6. Ex

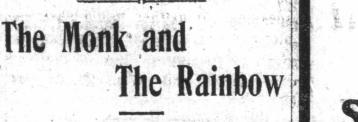
penses of running the shop, £5 5s **Correspondence** Solicited. Balance to the good, 15s. This 15s is divided amongst the Co-operators in

> proportion to their purchases. A who spent £1, gets 2s. 6d. "dividend. B gets 5s., C gets 7s. 6d. This "Dividend" is not charged with incometax.

The Pirates say it should be. They say it is "profit." But it is plain

vant those "dividends." All of them lo honest man, it appears, has ight to the whole of his wages. It is is duty to hand over a portion to a 'irate . It is a queer "morality." If our employer paid your wages in ood and clothing instead of money, ould this honest gentleman think he ad a right to grab part of that food nd clothing?

Perhaps he would. It used to be one in that way before the Truck cts were passed. But what a loathome morality! We have to teach the irates that no honest man would ish to make a profit on the labour of is fellow-men. All the honest man ants is pay for his work, the fruits f his labour. "Profit" added to this robbery.



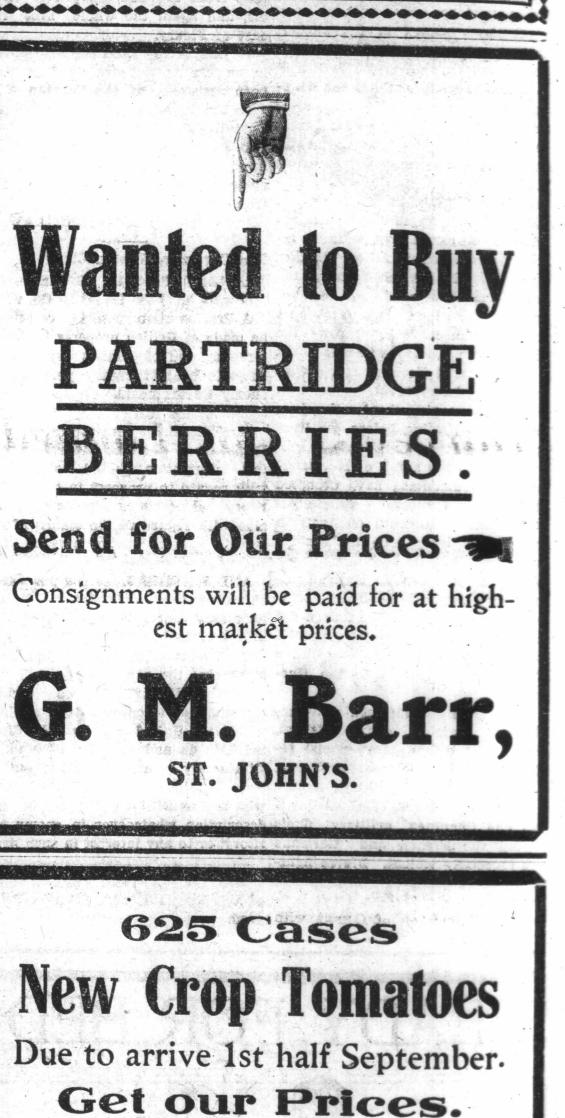
**Tather Dietrich Dominican First** to Discover How it Originates

A very striking example of the fact hat even to natural science-which, ur present generation so proudly, nd with some justice, claims as its wn-the medieval scholars furnished ontributions, has been brought to the ttention of the learned world of late n the recent translation from the atin into German, by the distinguishd Professor Wuerschmidt, of the Unversity of Erlangen, of the work of he Dominican Father Dietrich The Theory of the Rainbow," says he New World.

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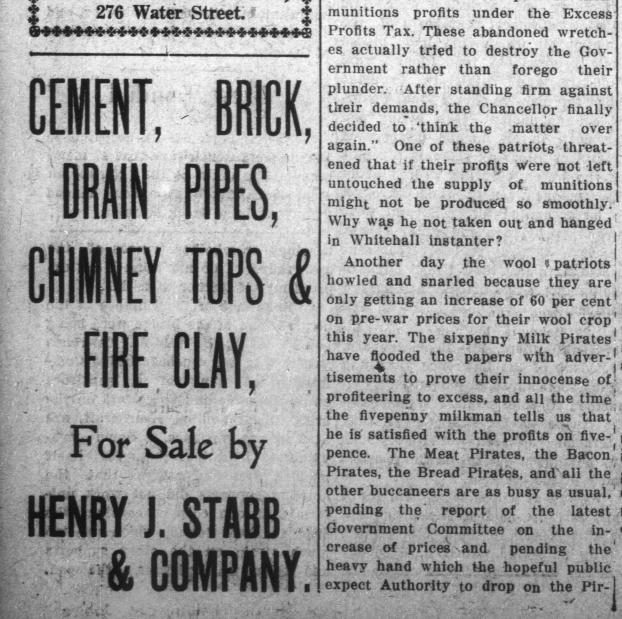
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Profits Tax. These abandoned wretches actually tried to destroy the Government rather than forego their plunder. After standing firm against their demands, the Chancellor finally decided to 'think the matter over again." One of these patriots threatened that if their profits were not left untouched the supply of munitions might not be produced so smoothly. Why was he not taken out and hanged in Whitehall instanter?

scheme to make more and more pro-

very men who are fighting to save his

miserable carcase from death or wounds and his wealth from appro-

that this state of mind is due only to

yet generally considered the ghoulish

activity it really is: It is the custom;

but the excesses we have witnessed

lately ought to make it clear that the

environment is all-powerful. When

At present the Pirate is flourishing

like a green bay\_tree. He waxes fat

out of war profits, and he kicketh.

You cannot shame him. He knows

are dying. He sees thousands of

wounded heroes in the streets who

cannot afford out of their pay to buy

the comforts their condition demands.

Does his conscience prick him? Never

The other day, in Parliament, the

Pirates raised Cain because the Chan-

cellor of the Exchequer insisted that

are we going to try it?

evil is fundamental. All profit

robbery.

prick.

Another day the wool patriots nowled and snarled because they are only getting an increase of 60 per cent on pre-war prices for their wool crop this year. The sixpenny Milk Pirates' have flooded the papers with adver-tisements to prove their innerence of if you invest in tisements to prove their innocense of

profiteering to excess, and all the time

pence. The Meat Pirates, the Bacon ity and security of the "Safe-Pirates, the Bread Pirates, and all the guard" system of filing and in- operative Movement is doing a trade

Government Committee on the in-obligation.

crease of prices and pending the heavy hand which the hopeful public expect Authority to drop on the Pir-



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the fivepenny milkman tells us that Filing Cabinets. We also recom- escape the income-tax net, so they he is satisfied with the profits on five- mend to you the safety, simplic- have invented a new weapon of attack.

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that the Co-operative "dividend" is not profit, but "prevented profit." would be profit if the shop were run by a trader for profit.

If the Co-operative shop sold it goods at cost price there would be no "dividend" and no alleged profits to tax. A, instead of paying £1 for his supply of goods, would pay 17s 6d. He would be just as well off as before. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer

succumbed to the pressure of the Pirates, this is no doubt what the Cooperative stores would do. But the Co-operators are fond of "dividends,"

because it offers a method of saving and a stimulus to saving, and they would rather retain the system.

Some of the Pirates have recognized place: that if it comes to a fight the Cooperators could, more or less, easily a testament to the front with you, McDonald?"

Sandy—"Nothin' doin'." This is the argument: "The Cothe eleventh hour."

other buccaneers are as busy as usual, dexing. Let us instal an equip- of £160,000,000 a year. This trade, pending the report of the latest ment for trial, free of expense or, if in other hands, would be yielding profits, which would pay income-tax.

Charles I Martin a first a line in the

Why should the State lose this income-tax? If Co-operators decide to wants to see you, sir." LIMITED. "I don't blame him."

he first correct designs of the path of the ray as it enters and leaves the little sphere. The Middle Ages, product of true

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Lieut.-"Would you not liketo take

Lieut.—"It might save your life at

to get killed at 10.45."

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