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"NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT"

A news item says that a census taken by the London County Council revealed that on one particular night there were 5,416 homeless persons in London who had to sleep under a hedge or on the Embankment. The long and complex annals of the poor man who is forced to be a tramp in the streets and to sleep in the open, and of his much more numerous brother who is separated by so narrow a margin from destitution that a month of bad trade, sickness, or unexpected loss brings him face to face with hunger and pauperism, may be traced back to early days before the condition of the English laborer had been continually deteriorated by the acts of government. The way of reform along which the present Radical government are now leading the country, is nothing else than retracing of former steps to get a new start.

The first quarter of the sixteenth century was the golden age for the English laborer, if we are to interpret the wages he earned by the cost of the necessities of life. He passed through no worse period in the downward career than during the forty years from 1782 to 1821, when the manufacturers and merchants accumulated fortunes rapidly, under high protection, and when the rent of agricultural labor was doubled. There is no doubt that the ordinary hardships of life in England were greater and more general four or five centuries ago than they are now. Life was brief, old age came earlier, disease was more deadly, the risks of existence were more numerous. But the extremes of poverty and wealth were by the fact of these conditions, less widely separated. The grinding, hopeless poverty under which existence may be just continued, did not belong to the earlier centuries or medieval life. The deterioration is due in a very large degree, to government. The people were first impoverished by the issue of base money. They were next robbed of their capital by the land thieves of Edward's reign. They were next brought into contact with a new and more needy set of employers, the shepherds, who succeeded the monks. They were then, with perhaps the intention of kindness, subjected to the quarter sessions amendment, when the agricultural laborer was greatly impoverished by being made the residuum of all labor. The laborer was further mulcted by enclosure, and the extinction of those ancestral rights of pasture and fuel which he had so long enjoyed.

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A Texan congressman proposes legislation providing a prison term and felon's stripes for "trust criminals." That will work more fear into the hearts of those aimed at than will the imposition of any fine.

A WONDERFUL CASE

Three Months in Hospital And Came Out Uncured
Zam-Buk Cured Him in Few Weeks

Mr. Fred Mason, the well-known upholsterer and mattress manufacturer of St. Andrew's, N. B., says:—"I had eczema on my knee, which caused me terrible pain and inconvenience. The sore parts would itch and burn and tingle, and then when rubbed or scratched, would become very painful. When the knee got warm, it burned worse, and the itching and burning and smarting were almost unbearable. I tried various remedies, but got no better, so I decided to go to Montreal and take special treatment. I received treatment at the Montreal General Hospital for thirteen weeks, but at the end of that time I was not cured, and almost gave in. A friend advised me to give Zam-Buk a trial.

Almost as soon as applied Zam-Buk stopped the itching and the irritation. I perceived the intention of kindness, subject to the quarter sessions amendment, when the agricultural laborer was greatly impoverished by being made the residuum of all labor. The laborer was further mulcted by enclosure, and the extinction of those ancestral rights of pasture and fuel which he had so long enjoyed.

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THE BRIGHTER SIDE (Detroit Free Press) Some one committed a murder last night. But hundreds of thousands were kind. For the wrong that is done is forever in sight.

To the good we are fearfully blind. Some one deserted his children today. But millions of fathers are true. The bad deeds are not such a fearful array Compared to the good that men do.

Somebody stole from his brother last night. But millions of honest men live; Some one was killed in a murderous fight. But thousands were glad to forgive Their brothers the wrongs that were fancied or real;

The crimes that we hear of each day Compared to the good deeds that we could reveal. Make not such a fearful array. I would answer the men who stand up and declare That the world is much given to vice, That the sum of man's crimes every day, everywhere, Can't compare with man's sweet sacrifice.

That for every black soul there are thousands pure white, The sum of the sinners is few. And I hope to see that the world is all right, When I think of the good that men do.

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RECENT DEATHS
Noble Beers, of Harcourt, died yesterday morning at one o'clock, aged fifty-nine years. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Edwin Thomas Nesbitt Masten, who was wrecked off New Haven a few days ago, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Masten, of Somerset street, two brothers and one sister. The brothers are Donald J. and Ross Hamlin, and the sister, Miss Ethelyn Constance. He was a grandson of the late John B. McDowall.

HARRY B. CLARK CASE
Harry B. Clark, former manager of the Charlotte street branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, was released from custody yesterday afternoon on his own recognizance for \$10,000 and the sureties of his father-in-law, W. B. McKay, of Sussex, and his counsel, Geo. W. Fowler, K. C. M. P., for \$5,000 each. He left for Sussex on the late train. At the opening of his preliminary examination in the afternoon it was decided to proceed with the two charges together. H. H. Keswin, general manager of the bank, was the only witness and the examination was adjourned for a week.

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