

AN EXTRAORDINARY LITIGANT.

THE case of *The People v. Shanks* will probably make a little history—legal history, but still, history. It is pretty difficult to conceive of a man who, without any possible interest himself, will sue a large corporation, go on his own bond in filing an attachment, knowing all the while that he had not a cent in the world, and could not satisfy judgments of many years standing against him. Yet this is what was developed in the case of *The People v. Shanks*. Shanks brought an action last spring against the Magnolia Metal Company on an assigned claim by discharged employees for \$7,000. As the Magnolia Metal Company was a foreign corporation, some one had to qualify as surety in bringing an attachment suit. As a matter of fact, Shanks acted both as plaintiff and bondsman. More extraordinary still, he did so on the advice of counsel, who knew his financial condition, and, to add to the incongruity of the situation, his counsel stated that

Shanks had no pecuniary interest in the assigned claim in question.

Colonel Alexander S. Bacon, of No. 34 Wall street, did the probing; Mr. Linus A. Gould and S. Victor Constant, of Constant & Coghill, assumed the responsibilities for the action of his client, Shanks, and Police Judge Kudlich heard the case and couldn't see any particular merit in the plea that the alleged perjury was advised by counsel. Colonel Bacon, the attorney for the Magnolia Metal Company, has for years been attending litigation growing out of suits brought by dummies in the interest of large corporations inimical to the Magnolia Metal Company.

The petty annoyances have grown to be intolerable, and the company is invoking the law and bringing these irresponsible offenders to justice. It is an open question whether a trust is not forming in the anti-friction metal business, and the fact that the Magnolia people have the standard metal which, for about the same price, gives

three times the same service, has undoubtedly excited the cupidity of competitors who wish to take over the company's assets and good-will without paying for them.

In spite of considerable persecution, the Magnolia Metal Company has thrived to such an extent that its very metal is now in use in most of the navies and railroads of the world, as well as in all classes of mechanical industry.

However, the adoption of such methods as are disclosed in the Shanks case and the countenance of them by the members of the Bar is a serious menace to all honestly conducted enterprises.

It has been established that forests constitute an important barrier against the approach of epidemics and infectious diseases. The Roman Campagna and the Tuscan marshes, where luxuriant forests are now growing, have almost lost their traditional unhealthfulness.

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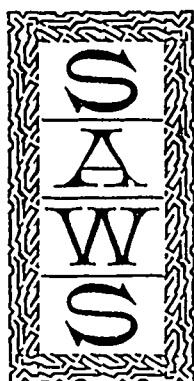
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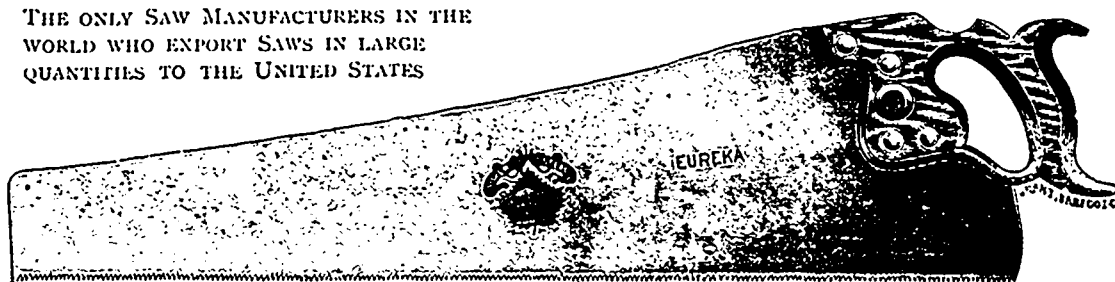
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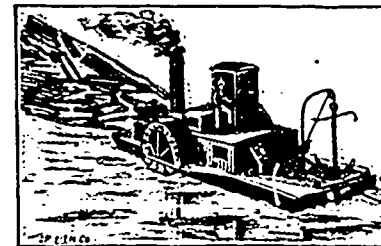
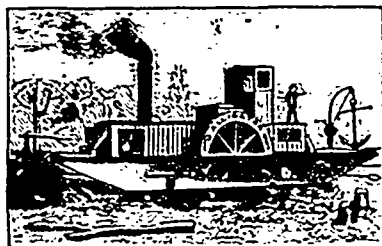


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