

his walk, "late as it is, Florry, if you think that you cannot make Jackson Spolger a good wife, I will break off the match without delay."

"But that means ruin," cried Florry, tearfully.

"Yes!" said Marson, curtly "ruin."

Florry sat thinking as deeply as her shallow little brain would allow her. She saw plainly that if she refused to marry Mr. Spolger, she would never gain her father's consent to her marriage with Melstane, and as a refusal meant ruin without any chance of obtaining the wish of her heart, she did not see what was to be gained by being perverse. Shallow, frivolous, selfish as she was, she saw all this quite plainly, and, moreover, being too timid to brook her father's displeasure, she made up her mind to yield. Rising to her feet, she stole toward her father, as he stood in gloomy silence, looking out on the wintry lawn, and threw her arms around his neck.

"Papa," she whispered, "I will marry Mr. Spolger."

"Of your own free will?" he asked, a trifle sternly.

"Of my own free will," she repeated, "I am sorry for Sebastian, for I do love him; but I don't want to vex you, dearest, so I'll be awfully nice to Mr. Spolger and marry him next week."

"My dearest," said Marson, in a tone of great relief, "you don't know how happy you have made me."

"Florry," cried Judith, rolling up her work.

"Yes, Judith," said Florry, leaving her father and coming to her cousin.

"You are quite sure you mean what you say?" asked Miss Varlins, looking at her steadily.

"Quite sure."

"No more tears or crying after Sebastian?"

"Don't talk of Sebastian," said Florry, angrily. "I'll marry Mr. Spolger, and I dare say he'll make me happy."

Judith said no more, but resumed her work with a sigh; but Mr. Marson, coming toward the fire, was about to speak, when the door opened and a footman announced: "Mr. Jackson Spolger."

(To be Continued.)

Drunkness in Turkey.

Drunkness is almost as common among the Turks as it is with us, but they have apparently got over thinking it a sin and a disgrace, and it is both openly indulged in and openly talked of. Few of the upper classes abstain and many make it a rule to go to bed drunk every night. As far as possible a Turk does everything in the reverse way to a European and in getting drunk he makes no exception. We sit over our wine after dinner; the Turk before. This has its advantages; one being that you are sooner drunk on an empty stomach, and it therefore saves drink; besides, the arrival of dinner stops the debauch. With our poor old-fashioned stomachs drinking before dinner would take away our appetite, but with the Turk it has the opposite effect, and the more he drinks the more hungry he gets. If, after eating, the fumes of the precious drink are ousting out of his head, he takes a fresh bumper, and then in nine cases out of ten tumbles back where he sits, falls fast asleep and is then wrapped up by his servants and left all night to sleep himself sober. We found drunkness everywhere in Asia Minor. The swell Turks delight in making up parties to the kiosks in the neighboring vineyards, taking their womenkind with them. Several families will join in these outings. All get drunk, men and women, for days together. My brother asked a Turk how it was when both pigs' flesh and wine were forbidden to good Mussulmans they abstained from the one and indulged in the other. The answer was, "Pig is filthy, and wine (with a sigh) is so nice."—A Ride through Asia Minor and Armenia, by Henry C. Barkley.

Decline of the Paper Collar.

I don't suppose there is one paper collar sold in St. Louis where there used to be a hundred. The celluloid collar makes a little headway, but the paper collar has fewer friends every month. They flourished 20 years ago, and the receipts from paper collars then were higher than for any article in the store, for men wore new collars daily, and their very cheapness engendered extravagance in their use. Hours could be spent describing the evolution of the paper collar. The first experiments were with a view to increasing the already substantial popularity of the article, but of late years the attempt has been made to check the rapid dying out of the fashion of wearing the collar which never wants washing.

For a long time a linen face has been put on and the paper feature kept in the background. But even this additional expense in the cost of manufacture without a corresponding increase in the selling price has failed to stem the tide, and now the demand is quite small. In the early seventies, when paper collars were ordered as many as 1,000,000 at a time, fortunes were made by manufacturers, but there cannot be very much money in the business now.—St. Louis Glote-Democrat

LABOR AND WAGES.

Gleanings From the Industrial Field of the World

AMERICAN.

The Retail Grocers' Union of New York decided to petition for an ordinance providing for the sale of vegetables by weight only.

J. W. Hayes and A. W. Wright of the General Executive, K. of L., have decided that, seeing the present N. D., 226, railroad men consists of only nine local assemblies, while ten are the minimum required for the organization of a N. D., no charter could yet be issued.

The Spencer iron works of Scranton, Pa., which has been idle by reason of a strike, resumed work this week with scabs.

The Executive Board of the K. of L. met this week at Albany to consider the matter of instituting a campaign this fall against the political candidates who have shown themselves hostile to the demands of organized labor.

Master Workman General Powderly declined the appointment of Commissioner of the State of Pennsylvania for the World's Fair.

Thomas Riordan and James Conners, of the United Brewers' Association, who were sent to the penitentiary for boycotting Tracy and Russel, were released from Blackwell's Island last week, and on Saturday evening their fellow-workmen gave them a reception at Wilson's Cafe, 308 Fulton street, Brooklyn, in which General Secretary Hayes and A. W. Wright, of the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, participated.

The bell boys at Normandie-by-the-Sea, N. J., are on strike.

The Glass Blowers' Convention at St. Louis decided to withdraw from the K. of L.

The Tenement House Cigarmakers of New York decided to postpone all action in the matter of the pending strike until the popular vote was announced upon the 634 suspended members of house workers.

EUROPEAN.

About 200 delegates attended the congress of the Masons' Unions of Austria on June 20 and 30. They demand the eight hour day and severely snubbed the anti-Semites.

A printer named Huenig, member of the National Typographical Union of Germany, was recently fined 75 cents by a magistrate in Dresden because he did not permit his little son to attend services at school in honor to the King of Saxony on that person's birthday. When Mr. Huenig remonstrated he was sent to prison for one day and his fine was increased to \$2.25.

At Rhemscheidt, Germany, a contractor advertises for fat male and female servants.

The cigarmakers at Culmborg, Holland, have struck for a raise of wages. They receive only seven florins a week.

At Brannschweig another contractor announces he has at his disposal whole blocks of families.

The workingmen's party of Belgium held a convention lately at Verviers: There were 160 delegates, representing 123 groups.

The Socialist Congress of Italy met at Padua on the 1st inst. A large number of labor organizations were represented.

The committee who govern five of the London docks admit that there were 900 accidents to workmen during 1890.

The Marseilles, France, carpenters have struck for 70 centimes an hour.

The Angero, France, shoemakers, 2,000 in number, have struck for shorter hours.

A steam tram was stopped and seized by some railway strikers in Paris on Sunday. It was afterwards recaptured by gendarmes, who arrested several persons and succeeded in restoring order. Military guards have been placed at all the level railway crossings. The Railway Men's Union has decided to resume work, and a later advice says the strike has collapsed, most of the men having resumed work, though some stations and workshops are still guarded by troops.

CANADIAN.

The journeymen plumbers, gasfitters and steamfitters of London, Ont., are on strike. They want shorter hours and higher wages. The bosses are endeavoring to secure men from a distance.

The dire effects of the closing down of the St. John saw mills, owing to the proprietors demanding ten hours as a day's work are already beginning to be felt. Already three small grocers have failed and others are reported in trouble.

W. Hamilton, a miner, who was ejected from a C. P. R. express while it was in motion near Banff about a year ago and sustained bodily injuries, got a verdict of \$1,400 from a Calgary jury on Saturday.

The Labor Day celebration at Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday was a big success. The procession included nearly 4,000 men of the various labor organizations, besides many societies formed of workmen in some of the establishments. Most of the industries of the city are manned by employees belonging to the labor organizations. The picnic in the afternoon was attended by 2,500 people.

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