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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

"I must have liberty. Withal as large a charter as the wind-To blow on whom I please."

CONTINUALLY developments are being made which serve to show that the labor element in the United States has, with the advent of the bad times, become antagonized to the employers-not as a whole, it is true, but to those of them who, in addition to reducing wages on the plea of the existing depression, have introduced the foreign element to supersede native labor. This has been especially manifested in Pennsylvania, where the Molly Maguires have given place to men quite as determined in their intentions and fully as forcible in their methods. That things have come to this pass is a matter of much regret; but experience has shown that in economic as well as political matters crises have to be reached before reform commences. Sometimes the reformers themselves become in a sense reformed off the face of the earth, and only a partial step is taken in the direction in which they have led. Down South, since the war, in some States, the endeavor was to in every way dishabilitate the negro, who, however, was to a certain extent proof against the "hot plowshares." Then again, the Italian element has been the object of hate, and the developments in Louisiana of a few years ago occasioned serious international misunderstandings.

Recently, the feeling against the "Dagoes," as they are termed, has, in the great coal State, been the cause of another difficulty, the result being that in compliance with the demands of 3,000 excited individuals, who were quite ready to proceed to extremities, the great Pennsyl- in whom superior intellect and will-power

vania Railway Company has been forced to promise not to employ "foreigners' upon certain extensions that were being carried out. The temper of the working classes in that section at least is fevered, and no doubt the germs are working elsewhere which at any time may develop troublesome symptoms. In so far as concerns this Province, THE HOME JOURNAL has ever advocated that the rights of our wage earners should first be considered, and it persists in that view of the case, and would advise that in no way should ground be given to the people for considering that their claims are not paramount in the eyes of the authorities or of those who individually employ labor-skilled or otherwise.

One of the grand mistakes made by workingmen when airing their supposed grievances against capital is that the very existence of capital is the chief obstacle to their advancement. The truth is that capital is the least of the forces against which labor has to contend. There are forces far more powerful than capital that take advantage of labor; forces that at the same time take advantage of capital—the forces of intellect and will. If all capital, all money, all wealth, so-called, should be utterly destroyed at one fell blow, what would be the result? Simply that industrial society would reorganize itself on much the same lines, and give its highest rewards, as usual, to men of the highest ability, and the lowest to those, as in the past, who could contribute nothing but muscular force to the creation of new capital. Indefatigable resolution and hard self-denial would, slowly, perhaps, but surely, make the conquering force of will a social power. Capital is created by this genius for accumulation, and no laws or institutions that have ever been conceived by man have availed against it. The man who lives for the future will survive and flourish from a pecuniary standpoint; the man who lives only for the present will surely perish. Ninety-nine per cent of the intellect, will, and muscle that enter the world possess no other capital. Wherever you find capital there you will find the greatest number desiring to use capital, and wherever capital finds most employment there you will find most labor. Labor can neither be taxed to destruction nor to a point where it ceases to be productive; but capital is frequently forced to risk utter destruction and annihilation in order to be productive. Labor loses little, and can lose little, through the devices of intellect; but capital, very often through the same devices, lose all. It is the history of nearly all great capitalists in this country -the createst users of capital, the men

are united and blended harmoniously that they come from labor's ranks. Capital thus constantly changes hands. The men who to-day hold it are men whose fathers or grandfathers accumulated it perhaps, and who are themselves unable to hold on to it against the assaults of superior intellect and will.

A just recognition of the dignity of labor is a necessary inference from the light and teachings of the carpenter of Nazareth. That "best of men that ever wore flesh about him" toiled in the shop with chips and shavings about his feet and the implements of his trade on the bench before him, so entering into sympathy with the cares and struggles of workingmen. That sympathy is the most potent-though oft unrecognized-factor in the adjustment of the industrial problems of our time. He taught fair wages for honest toil. His "golden rule" is the effective remedy for strikes and lockouts. Hood's "Song of the Shirt," and Mrs. Browning's "Cry of the Children" are but paraphrases of a good Samaritan. Whereever the mind that was in Christ Jesus prevails, the man and his master are bound to see, face to face, and eye to eye. And nowhere has that consummation been more nearly reached than in the industrial conditions of the new world. Not that all things are as they should be. The millenium is still a good ways off. There are wrongs to be righted and middle walls of separation to be broken down. But so long as the leaven is in the meal there is hope that the lump may be leavened.

Form accomplishment of general utility there is nothing equal to the art of telling a good story for either men or women. To fill in embarrassing pauses, for heading off an objectionable bit of gossip, a bright anecdote or witty recital of commonplace adventures is the very best thing known. Nothing else is so sure to turn the current of conversation or bring ease at a strained puncture. Everybody's interest is attracted and once a story is started it is really surprising the number of good stories that will follow from the most unexpected sources, and a hostess may find that her most diffident quests shine in the telling of anecdotes.

Every woman should learn to tell a good story in a captivating manner. Some people are naturally good story tellers, though they may be poor talkers, but if you are not one of the gifted sort, do your best to cultivate the art. It may be that you will have to commence by cultivating your memory to retain anecdotes, as well as to acquire the art of telling them gracefully, but the sooner you do commence the better, and you will find lots of opportuni-