

letter of mendacity; and are, as often, lamentable illustrations of the fatal effects of "the letter," as opposed to "the spirit" which quickens and illumines the truth. Their Socialistic offspring, however, carry on a guerilla warfare tempered with no such limitations. The Socialists, while disavowing any official connection with, or responsibility for the utterances of these newspapers, gladly avail themselves of all the advantages and positions to be gained from the results of this guerilla warfare. The weapons of these guerilla allies are only two: personal vilification and straight out mendacity. The Socialistic newspaper has, as a rule, some misgiving about the "sin" of this kind of act. The guerilla boldly proclaims and acts on the motto, "Pecca fortiter." Naturally, if lying is necessary, then it had better be done boldly and thoroughly. And, as the end of their warfare is the extermination, politically, of all their opponents, it is no moral or other offence to use an immoral means to attain that end. Hence there has sprung up a semi-detached Socialistic journalism, whose existence depends on stimulating and then satisfying a natural appetite for sensational personalities. This journalism bears the same relation to Socialism that the Bazi-Bajouks bear to the Turkish regulars. Their particular work is the political rapine and plunder of every decent reputation and work earned or done by any man who is not willing to remain silent or become blackmailed under the threatened fire of their artillery of mendacity.

It is a remarkable parallel that a somewhat similar bacillus has attacked democracy in America. Under the threatened lash of exposure of a real, and, if