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250. Q.—What was the conversation about? A.—They were asking why they were laid off; of course they took it that they were being laid off, and Mr. Gurney said that it was a matter of fact that the work was laid up here; we laid off eighteen or twenty moulders and they were to be making plate until we got moulders to mount it.

251. Q.—Was Hickey present? A.—I do not think it.

252. Q.—How many interviews were there? A.—I think only one.

253. Q.—You are quite positive that Hickey was not present? A.—I would not be positive, he may have been; I would not say for sure. It was in Mr. Gurney's private office.

254. Q.—And do you know whether the rest of the union polisher left of their own accord or were laid off? A.—I do not know.

255. Q.—Did Hickey discharge McKee and Sweeney when they decided to remain in the union? A.—No.

256. Q.—They left of their own accord? A.—They left of their own accord; Hickey has power to discharge an apprentice.

257. Q.—Did you ever write a letter to Samuel Gomers, president of the American Federation of Labor? A.—I think we answered a letter from him.

258. Q.—That answer you would have composed? A.—Yes.

259. Q.—That letter is dated March 22nd, 1902, and it states that two so-called apprentices "were discharged for this reason and for this only"—is it correct? A.—I do not think we ever said those men were discharged; I would rather see our own letter.

260. Q.—Donoghue—I want a letter press copy of this letter produced.

261. Q.—And if that statement is in the letter, would it be correct? A.—No, if the statement is in that letter that they were discharged, it would not be correct, because the boys really left. Mr. Hickey advised with them not to tell them to leave the union and finish out their time, and if they were full journeymen they would get full journeymen's wages, but in my knowledge those boys were never discharged.

262. Q.—Would your knowledge now be better than your knowledge in March, 1902, on that subject? A.—I should not think so.

263. Q.—Were the metal polishers discharged or did they leave of their own accord? A.—They were simply laid off. There was no work for them to do and they were laid off.

264. Q.—Were they allowed to finish the work they were at? A.—Yes.

265. Q.—Are you pretty sure about that? A.—I am pretty certain about that.

266. Q.—Would Hickey know better perhaps? A.—Yes.

267. Q.—Do you know whether Mr. Hickey had a list of the union metal polishers? A.—I never saw it.

268. Q.—Or hear of it? A.—I never heard of it.

269. Q.—When the request came from the committee asking for an appointment with Mr. Gurney, did he send a written reply? A.—I think so.

270. Q.—Do you know what the contents of the reply were? A.—I think it was a man named Acheson wrote, and he was told a time when he could see Mr. Hickey at the office.

271. Q.—Can you get the reply or a copy of it? A.—Yes, I think so.

272. Q.—We will produce it if I can get it.

273. Q.—Do you know whether Cooke and McDaniel are the men that came to see you? A.—I guess, McCausland was one.

fit concert for the moulders; and these polishers during working hours were walking around from the moulding shop to the mounting shop and all over the place, and I think Mr. Hickey made a complaint about that, that they should not leave their wheels.

233. Q.—To them? A.—Yes, certainly the complaint was made to them.

234. Q.—I suppose the neglect of their work, in fact, would be sufficient reason for discharging them? A.—I do not think they were discharged for that. We did not hear about that until that meeting, and then that came up about their leaving the wheels and going around selling these tickets.

235. Q.—They must have made a complaint and gave that as a reason for laying them off, if it was brought up at that meeting? A.—No, I think that just came out in conversation. I never heard of it until that morning, and I think it was a wordy contest between Hickey and the others; I think that is why he reprimanded Johnston for talking and talking about the shop too much.

236. Q.—But if they had been reprimanded at the time, why was it necessary to bring it up at this meeting? A.—I suppose Mr. Gurney was making for information; if these men were complaining about bad treatment he would ask Mr. Hickey why these men were laid off, and that may have come out in conversation.

237. Q.—As an additional reason for laying them off? A.—It may have.

238. Q.—Would you be sure that it was not the dinner hour when these men sold the tickets? A.—Hickey said not.

239. Q.—You are not in a position to say definitely it was or it was not? A.—No.

240. Q.—Did Mr. Hickey make the statement warning them that he was watching them, do you recollect? A.—No, I do not remember it.

241. Q.—Will you say he did not? A.—I say I do not recollect it.

242. Q.—Mr. Ross—I must renew my objection that these questions are leading. Hickey was going around the shop to get men to join the union? A.—I do not think so; I never heard such a thing.

243. Q.—Are you familiar with the conditions under which apprentices work with the plaintiff company? A.—Yes.

244. Q.—Is there any hold back on apprentices? A.—Yes.

245. Q.—What was it about January, 1902, that it was the moulders? I think there was ten per cent. on those two moulders; they got ninety per cent. on the shop board prices.

246. Q.—Instead of getting one dollar for a piece of work, they got sixty cents? A.—Yes, that was the condition for the last year.

247. Q.—Is there a bonus given to the journeymen the same as in other shops? A.—No; in some shops the shop board price is ten per cent. higher than the regular price, but in this shop it is five, ten, fifteen, twenty, up to as high as 40 per cent. in some shops, but we have never adopted that system; we put a fair price on a piece of work, and we have no bonuses in our shop on any flat work.

248. Q.—Is your fair price the same as the price outside with the bonus? A.—I do not know anything about outside prices; conditions are so different in different shops that you cannot regulate a uniform price.

249. Q.—Even in the city? A.—Even in the city; they have different boarding, and different ways of making pieces.

250. Q.—There was ten per cent. held back from Sweeney and McKee? A.—Yes, being third year apprentices.

251. Q.—They had been absent from your shop during the period from the time they began, and this time, when they were losing the ten per cent. hold-back, they had not been working continuously? A.—No, every man around there loses more or less time.

252. Q.—And the principle is that if they leave the shop they have to begin all over again? A.—Not as a rule.

253. Q.—What would constitute an infraction of the rule? A.—If I remember, these two boys did not start at stove mounting; one was just like helping around the shop.

254. Q.—Do you know that Sweeney and McKee; they were working with us, I understand, for four or five years before they quit, but they were not all this time at stove mounting; when a boy goes on stove mounting he is put on with a journeyman to work with him as a helper; and from that he is given a floor; the moulders start with an instructor.

255. Q.—During the apprenticeship period, is the apprentice allowed to work in partnership the same as a journeyman? A.—Very often the journeyman or instructor will give him, if they are working piece work, a proportion of his earnings, which he do not object to; some boys are better than others, and frequently a journeyman will give a boy a dollar extra a week.

256. Q.—But that is hardly a partnership? A.—No, it is not a partnership; some boys are better than others, and another working as a partner on the Chancery Range for a while? A.—They may have.

257. Q.—Would that be consistent with being apprentices? A.—Yes.

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Swear off and don't swear on again.

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For I awkwardly enticed a cupful Of chocolate into her lap.

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And smiling with perfect composure,
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Both Wrong.
 The capitalist does not look upon the wage earner as a man that has needs and feelings like himself. And when we hear some Socialists describe a capitalist we think of such a hideous brute that we feel that neither God nor the devil would like to own him as their child. We are all men after all, and death proves we are all mortal.

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TORONTO, MARCH 18th, 1904.
BIG WHITE ELEPHANT.

It must have made the hearts of those who, in the past, fought for the Technical School, feel chilled to read the cold-blooded way the new School Board talked of their one-time pet at the last meeting of the Property Committee. When Minister Harcourt's bill was presented to the House, this paper pointed out that it meant the death-knell of the Technical School and technical education, and we are firmly convinced of this now.

Contrary to the advice of both the workman and the manufacturer, the hobby of educationists is mental training. The manufacturer and the workman know what manual training means, but the educationist evidently knows very little about the real object of technical education. Briefly, the difference between the two is that manual training gives the boy something from an unpractical source which he must largely unlearn once he enters upon practical mechanics, while technical education is the help which the boy enters the shop and is daily taught the practical side under the up-to-date mechanic.

If Trustee W. H. Shaw is quoted rightly in the press, he said: "At present the term Technical School is a misnomer. If shop work is to be taught there, the building is of no use for it at all. For manual training and domestic science the building could be utilized all right."

It is evident that Trustee Shaw must have his terms dreadfully mixed. What we would like to know is what he means by the teaching of shop work, and what relation it bears to technical education. Our understanding of technical education is that it teaches the principles of theories underlying shop work, and manual training teaches the actual shop work under impractical managers.

Trustee C. A. B. Brown evidently has the right idea as to technical training, but is partially in error when he says that "it is not an up-to-date technical school building." We were always under the impression that the building was fairly suitable, but that it was lacking in equipment.

For bright and witty sayings, however, Trustee Levee "takes the bus." He says the school is the biggest white elephant on our hands to-day. We rise to dispute the question. From Trustee Levee's own estimate of himself, so he remarks that he is a bigger white elephant on our hands.

Trustee Kent says it was unloaded on the city, and we again rise to remark that the city had a lot worse things unloaded on it last January, and also to remark that it was the best bargain the city ever had unloaded on it.

It is high time, according to all this, that the Trades Council and Manufacturers' Association get busy, and gave the trustees to understand that no transformation from a technical school to a manual training school will be tolerated.

The workers should also bear in mind that it was Minister Harcourt who robbed them of the school, which was largely built up and fostered by them. That old warrior, D. J. O'Donoghue, must have his Irish up to the highest pitch if he is aware of what is in the wind.

The workman and the manufacturer both desire the maintenance of a technical school, and they must fight the faddists at every turn in order to protect their rights in this respect, and place forever in the background this desire on the part of the faddists for turning out boys with spurious ideas as to mechanics.

SINGLE TAXERS.
 Single Taxers talk very much about taxing vacant land, now if they cannot persuade themselves to have their land taxed, they could try and coax them to have the snow shovelled on the sidewalks of the vacant lots in our city.

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They want to be all united, And serve one Christ and God. And use one church for all mankind. On this earth where Jesus trod.

Now the churches are uniting To have one church, one God; And quit their old time fighting. Sinners will believe in God.

When Christians live as brothers, They will do as Christ would do, Just treat the other fellow As you would have him do to you.

THE NEWSPAPERS.
 There is not a single newspaper in our city to-day started with a small paper and a small subscription list, but because the Toiler is a small paper the workers of the city despise it. Instead of sending their cents to support the only paper that is published for their benefit.

THE WORKERS.
 We are told that the great mass of workers do not reap the full benefit of what they produce. No, and they never will until they are ready to assume the responsibility of producing instead of leaving the responsibility with private capitalists as we do to-day.

THE OLD PAVILION.
 The old pavilion was burned a long time ago and apparently has been buried in oblivion by the mass of corruption they have found in our last civic election. Will we ever have a new building or are we thinking about an everlasting reminder of the building we once had.

ARE YOU THINKING.
 We are told that workmen are thinking, and we know that it is true, and we are not at all surprised that they are. There are so many things today that compel a workman to think. Now that he has the privilege of a voice in the government of his own country and has religious liberty and a public education he is thinking about things that were unheard of by the chains of ignorance.

The conditional equality that surrounds every worker to-day, compels him to think no matter if he desires to do so or not.

Among the many conditional equalities that surround the worker are to be found the following: The post office, the daily newspaper, the bath room, the elevator, the railway train, the milkman, the baker, the doctor at the hospital, the street car, the departmental store, the telephone, the telegraph, the ocean steamer, the theatre, the church, the music hall. Every man is at liberty to use any of the above on one condition, and that is if he has the price, and it is because the workman finds it more difficult to get up the price than the privileged classes.

When they have discovered the cause and sit down and deliberately consider under our life as it is to-day they find that there never was a time in the history of the world where so much food was produced, so much clothing manufactured, so many houses built, yet they are confronted with the fact that there are more men to-day that cannot get enough to eat, enough to wear, or a house to live in.

It is this fact that is compelling the workers to think about these things, because it is the farm laborers that till the soil, it is the men and women that work in our factories that make the clothes, and it is the bricklayers and hod-carriers that build the houses. After all this work they find that they can only get enough to barely satisfy their needs, leaving out of the question the necessity of laying a little money on

one side to provide against sickness and to keep them in old age when they will be unable to work.
 After having been compelled to think we are led to ask the question what good will all this thinking ever do them. It will do them no good, it will compel them to see that everything to-day is produced for a profit instead of being for the use of humanity. It will show them that our industrial life is controlled by private individuals, and it will force them to ask the question if wage slavery is not morally wrong, and if they find that the wage system is wrong it will force them to look around for a new system, which is morally right. We are told that "The key to a man is his thought," and the workman is looking for a way out of slave bondage and we believe that the time is fast approaching when we will have no wage slaves, but that the new world and that all men will be equally free, except as every man is equally bound by God to earn his own living by the work of his own hands and not by the work of another man.

ASK A HARDER ONE.
 He said he had been in Africa, And fought for his God and King, But when he returned to England His self-sacrifice no money would bring.

Because that men are plentiful When the war with the Boer is over, Is it right to treat men as cattle Because we find there are no more.

Yes! Men who at capital's bidding Went to plunder, and slaughter the Dutch Are a very mean breed of scrub-cattle And should be treated as such.

Such fellows will join the militia, And to be pelted and pained by the rich, And to force to crush union labor— Serve them right if there is a ditch.—Phillips Thompson.

CORRESPONDENCE
REV. CANON CODY AND THE FRANCHISE.

In the Evening Telegram of the 12th appears a report of an address delivered by Rev. Canon Cody at Varsity luncheon. One paragraph of this report reads as follows:

"The pernicious influences to which democracy is open were a temporary stampede of the electorate by a demagogue, the stifling of the voice of public opinion, the political machine, and a too wide franchise. He believed that votes should only be given to men who worked with their own hands, thus disfranchising the business element. The right to vote was not a right; it was a privilege."

The writer is of opinion that in using the expression, "a too wide franchise," the gentleman must surely have said something he did not mean. The remark should, in the interests of right and wrong, be more powerfully rebuffed in the interests of the colored man of the South, after spending millions of dollars and rivers of human life to free them. Does the Canon think the precedent a good one, and has he in mind a certain class who should be disfranchised by a demagogue? His statement is a successful paragraph that is the heart of the great mass of the people was always sound and right," would lead the careful reader to the conclusion that the franchise is a more powerfully rebuffed in the interests of the colored man of the South, after spending millions of dollars and rivers of human life to free them. Does the Canon think the precedent a good one, and has he in mind a certain class who should be disfranchised by a demagogue? 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old man's heart as the bitterness of the situation overwhelmed him. She was a daughter in whom a prince might have found pride, but he remained there mute, not daring to speak, experiencing all the tortures of remorse and retribution, and was only recalled to himself as his glance once more rested upon the young girl.

He became dimly conscious that people were moving past them, and he suddenly longed to cry out, "My child!" by the mouth down the impulsive. Something within held him from speaking to her—perhaps his own inherent sense of the consistency of things, his appreciation of the legitimate finale to a miserable order of circumstances. Even pride forbade departure from long established habit. But while this train of thought passed through his mind he realized she was regarding him with clear, compassionate eyes, and he heard her voice.

"Shall we go now? The services are over." He obeyed without question. "Over?" He leaned heavily upon her arm and his steps were faltering. Out into the warm sunshine they passed, the light revealing more plainly the ravages of time in his face.

"Not even to her own child?" "She does not know her father's name," repeated the marquis. "But I thank you, Mlle. Constance is so charming I must needs call to ask if she were related to the London actress. Good day, monsieur! You are severe on the lover. Was it not the fashion of the day for the actresses to take lovers or for the fops to have an opera girl or a comedienne? Did your most popular performers disdain such diversions?" he sneered. "Pardie, the world has suddenly become moral! A gentleman can no longer, without being indelicate, entertain a mistress."

"Mumbling about the decadence of fashion, the marquis departed, his manner so strange the manager gazed after him in surprise. With no thought of direction, his lips moving, talking to himself in adynamic fashion, the nobleman walked mechanically on until he reached the great cathedral. The organ was rolling, and voices arose sweet as those of seraphim. He hesitated at the portal and then laughed to himself. "Well has Voltaire said: 'Pleasure has its time; so, too, has wisdom. Make love in thy youth and in old age attend to thy salvation.'" He repeated the latter words; but, although he paused at the threshold and listened, he did not enter.

As he stood there, uncertain and trembling, a figure replete with youth and vigor approached, and, glancing at her, an exclamation escaped him that caused her to pause and turn.

heaping more wood upon the fire in the grate.

"More fire, you idiot!" cried the marquis peevishly. "Do you not see that I am freezing?"

"It is 10 degrees above the temperature my lord always ordered," retorted Francois coolly.

"Ten degrees! Oh, you wish to remind me that the end is approaching? You do not dare deny it!" The valet shrugged his shoulders.

"But I am not gone yet!" He wagged his head cunningly and began to laugh to himself. His mind apparently rambled, for he started to chant a French love song in a voice that had long since lost its capacity for a sustained tone. The words were distinct, although the melody was broken, and the spectacle was gawwesome enough. As he concluded he looked at the valet as if for approbation and began to mumble about his early love affairs.

"Bah, Francois," he said shrilly. "I'll be up tomorrow as gay as ever. Vive l'amour! Vive la joie! It was a merry life we led, eh, Francois?"

"Merry, indeed, my lord."

"It kept you busy, Francois. There was the little peasant girl on the Rhine. What flaxen hair she had and eyes like the sky! Yet a word of praise, a little flattery—"

"My lord was irresistible," said the valet, with mild sarcasm.

"Let me see, Francois. What became of her?"

"She drowned herself in the river."

"That is true. I had forgotten! Well, life is measured by pleasures, not by years, and I was the prince of coxcombs. Up at 10 o'clock—no sooner on account of the complexion—then visits from the tradespeople and a drive in the park to look at the ladies. It was there I used to meet the English actress. 'Twas there, with her, I vowed the park was a garden of Eden! What a scene when my barrister tried to settle the case! Fortunately a marriage in England was not a marriage in France. I saw her last night, Francois—with an insane look—"In the flesh and blood, as lifelike as the night before we took the stage for Brighton!" Suddenly he shrieked, and a look of terror replaced the vain, smirking expression.

"There, Francois," glancing with awe behind him. And truly there stood a dark shadow, a gawwesome presence. His face became distorted, and he lapsed into unconsciousness.

The valet gazed at him with indifference. Then he went to an inner room and brought a valise, which he began packing carefully and methodically. After he had completed this operation he approached the dressing table and took up a magnificent jeweled watch, which he examined for a moment before thrusting it into his pocket. A snuffbox next, with diamonds and several rings followed. Francois, with the same deliberation, opened a drawer and took out a small box, which he tried to open and, failing, forced the lid with the poker. At this my lord opened his eyes and in a weak voice, for his strength had nearly deserted him, demanded:

"What are you doing, Francois?"

"Robbing you, my lord," was the slow and dignified response.

The marquis' eyes glared with rage. He endeavored to call out, but his voice failed him, and he fell back, trembling and overcome.

"Thief! Ingrate!" he hissed hoarsely.

"I beg you not to excite yourself, my lord," said the stately valet. "You are already very weak, and it will hasten the end."

"Is this the way you repay me?"

"My lord will not need these things soon."

"Have you no gratitude?" stammered the marquis, whose physical and mental condition was truly pitiable.

"Gratitude for having been called 'idiot,' 'dog' and 'blockhead' nearly all my life! I am somewhat lacking in that quality, I fear."

"Is there no shame in you?"

"Shame!" repeated Francois as he proceeded to ransack another drawer.

"There, Francois!"

"There might have been before I went into your service, my lord. Yes. Once I felt shame for you. It was years ago. In London, when you deserted your beautiful wife. When I saw how she worshipped you and what a noble woman she was I confess I felt ashamed that I served one of the greatest blackguards in Europe!"

"No more, rascal!"

"Rascal yourself, you wretch, driving breath of corruption! It is so pleasant to exercise a gentleman's privilege of invective! Ah, here is the purse! An revolt, my lord. A pleasant dissolution!"

But by this time the marquis was speechless, and Francois, taking the valise in hand, deferentially left the room. He locked the door behind him and thrust the key into his pocket.

CHAPTER XXV.

THE engagement at the new St. Charles was both memorable and profitable, the Picayune, before the fifties an audacious sheet, being especially kind to the mayor. "This paper," said a writer of the day, "was as full of witticisms as one of Thackeray's dreams after a light supper, and, as for its editors, Straus and Phazina, they are poets who eat, talk and think rhyme."

The Picayune contained a poem addressed to Miss Carew, written by Straus in a cozy nook in the veranda at the Lake End, with his absinth before him and the remains of an elaborate supper about him. It was then quite the fashion to write stanzas to actresses. The world was not so prosaic as it is now, and even the president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, penned graceful verses to a fair ward of Thalia.

One noon a few days after the opening performance several members of the company were late for rehearsal, and Barnes strode impatiently to and fro, glancing at his watch and frowning darkly. To avenge himself for the reluctance of the players he roared at the stage carpenters who were constructing a balcony and to the supers who were shifting flats to the scenery room. The light from an open door at the back of the stage dimly illumined the scene. Overhead in the flies was intense darkness, while in front the auditorium yawned like a chasm in no wise suggestive of the brilliant transformation at night.

"Ugh!" said Susan, standing in one of the entrances. "It is like playing to ghosts! Fancy performing to an audience of specters! Perhaps the phantoms of the past really do assemble in their old places on occasions like this. Only you can't hear them applaud or laugh."

"Are you looking for admirers among ghosts?" remarked Hawkes ironically.

"Don't," she returned, with a little shiver.

"So, ladies and gentlemen, you are all here at last!" exclaimed Barnes, interrupting this cheerful conversation.

"Some of you are late again today. It must not happen again. Go to Victor's, Moreau's or Miguels as much as you please. If you have a headache or a headache in consequence that is your own affair, but I am not to be kept waiting the next day."

"Victor's, indeed!" retorted the elastic old lady. "As if!"

"No one supposed, madam, that at your age—"

"At my age! If you think—"

"Are you all ready?" interrupted Barnes hastily, knowing he would be worsted in any argument with this veteran player. "Then clear the stage. Act first!" And the rehearsal began.

If the audience were specters, the performers moved, apparently without rhyme or reason, mere shadows on the dimly lighted stage, excepting some semblance to scenes in mortal life, their jests and gibes unnatural in that comparatively empty place, their voices, out of the semidarkness, like those of spirits rehearsing acts of long ago. In the evening it would all become an amusing, bright colored reality, but now the barrenness of the scenes was forcibly apparent.

"What will do today," said the manager at the conclusion of the last act. "Tomorrow, ladies and gentlemen, at the same time, and any one who is late will be fined!"

"Changing the piece every few nights is all work and no play," complained Susan.

"It will keep you out of mischief, my dear," replied Barnes, gathering up his manuscript.

"No one doesn't know about that?" returned Miss Susan with a defiant toss of the head as she moved toward the dressing room where they had left their wraps. It was a small apartment, fairly bright and cheery, with here and there a portrait against the wall. Above the dressing table hung a mirror, diamond scratched with hieroglyphic scrawls, among which could be discerned a trapezoid head, spitted like a lark on an arrow, and an etching of Lady Gay Spanker with cork-screw curls. Taglioni, in pencil caricature, her limbs "divinely slender," gazed on her toes in reckless abandon above this mute record of names now forgotten.

"What lovely roses, Constance!" exclaimed Susan as she entered, bending over a large bouquet on one of the chairs. "From the count, I presume?"

"Yes," indifferently answered the young girl, who was adjusting her hat before the mirror.

"How attentive he is!" cooed Susan, her tones floating in a higher register. "Poor man! Enjoy yourself while you may, my dear," she went on. "When youth is gone what is left? Women should sow their wild oats as well as men. I don't call them 'wild oats,' though, but paradisaical oats. The Elysian fields are strewn with them."

As she spoke her glance swept her companion searchingly, and in that brief scrutiny Susan observed with inward complacency how pale the other was and how listless her manner. Their common secret, however, made Susan outward demeanor sweetly solicitous and gently sympathetic. Her mind, passing in a mild review over recent events, dwelt not without certain satisfaction, upon results. True, every night she was still forced to witness Constance's success, which of itself was wormwood and gall to Susan, to stand in the wings and listen to the hateful applause, but the conviction that the sweets of popular favor brought not what they were expected to bring was, in a way, an antidote to Susan's dissatisfaction.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing and can sometimes be used annoying. In Susan's case it was a weapon sharpened with honeyed phrases and consoling bearing, for she was not slow to discover how to avail herself of

the irritating power this knowledge gave her. Constance's pride and reticence, however, made it difficult for Susan to discern when her shafts went true. Moreover, although harboring no suspicion of Susan's dissimulation, she instinctively held aloof from her and remained coldly unresponsive. Perhaps in the depths of Susan's past lurked something indefinable which threw its shadow between them, an inscrutable impediment, and her inability to penetrate the young actress' reserve, however she might wound her, awakened Susan's resentment. But she was too world wise to display her irritation. She even smiled sweetly now, as confidante to confidante, and, turning to her impulsively, said:

"Let me help you on with your cloak, dear."

Out of the quiet, deserted theater, isolated from external din, to the busy streets, where drays went thundering by and industry manifested itself in resounding clatter, was a sudden, but not altogether unwelcome, change to Constance. Without waiting for the manager, who paused at the rear entrance to impress his final instructions upon a stoic looking property man, she turned quickly into the noisy thoroughfare.

On and on her restless feet led her, conscious of the clangor of vehicles and voices and yet remote from them, past those picturesque suggestions of the one-time Spanish mules in which the antiquary could detect evidence of remote oriental infusion, past the sly seductions of shops where ladies swarmed and hummed like bees around the luscious hive, past the idlers' resorts, from whence came the rat-a-tat of clinking billiard balls and the louder rumble of falling teapins.

In a window of one of these places, a club with a reputation for exclusiveness, a young man was seated, news paper in hand, a cup of black coffee on a small table before him and the end of a cigar smoking on the tray where he had placed it. With a yaw he had just thrown aside the paper and was reaching for the thick dark beverage. His hand then and nervous, when glancing without, he caught sight of the actress in the crowd. Obeying a sudden impulse, he arose, picking up his hat which lay on a chair beside him.

"Ye' orle!" he cried in a moment. Mr. Mayhew, said a colored servant, hurrying toward the land baron as the latter was leaving.

"I've changed my mind and don't want it," he replied the other curtly. And, sauntering down the steps of the club with ill concealed impatience, he turned in the direction the young girl had taken, keeping her retreating figure in view, now so near her in the crowded street he could almost touch her; then, as they left the devious ways, more distant, but ever with his eyes bent upon her. He had almost spoken when in the throng he approached within arm's length, but something, he knew not what, restrained him, and a press of people separated them. Only for a moment, and then he continued the questionable pleasure of following her.

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AN ENGLISH OPINION OF MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES. The American citizen who counts him self lucky if his city council cleans and lights the streets, and perhaps provides for a few parks and boulevards from the public funds, will probably be astonished to learn the manner and character of enterprises which competent English opinion characterizes as being within the functions of the municipality.

A little over a month ago the town of Cheltenham, England, erected at the cost of some 50,000 pounds a municipal building, which, as the London Times asserts, is fitted to answer in every respect to the social requirements of the town. Besides containing a hall which will accommodate an audience of 2,500 and the floor of which has been specially constructed on girders and spiral springs for dancing, the building has large smoking, card, supper and drawing rooms.

Considering that this institution was erected and is maintained from the public funds as the common resort of all classes in the town, many an American who is used to the conservative views which our municipal bodies take of their functions will raise his hands in holy horror and cry "Socialism, Communism!" Such a person might expect, further, that the advocates of such an enterprise would be found only in the ranks of the socialistic and ultra advanced. Yet, from that conservative, influential and eminently sane financial journal, the London Economist, comes perhaps the most unqualified praise and approval for the latest addition to the long list of municipal works undertaken by the town of Cheltenham.

The Economist, "looking upon municipal institutions as providing to a large extent the chief pleasure of the town, the address delivered by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, upon the occasion of the inauguration of the building. Sir Michael says the Economist, "points out that it is natural that, in the prosperity of the town being dependent on its maintaining and increasing its attractiveness to the public, the town council have spent large sums not merely in the widening of the streets and in the provision of excellent systems of water supply and sanitation, but also in providing public gardens and winter gardens and establishing electric lighting—none of which can be properly described as going beyond the true functions of the municipality."

The Economist, unlike some American editorial commentators, does not imply that in providing a clubhouse with dance hall and winter garden, the Cheltenham town council had done anything more radical than in providing a water supply and caring for the streets of the town. The financial authority states merely that though there may be dangers of "megalomania" on the part of the council which desires to do too much for its community, yet "it is a less serious disorder than meanness of spirit, and tends to right itself by a sionic process. If the burden be too great, the ratepayer can show it at elections; and if the municipalities attempt too much, they will not be able to obtain funds at reasonable rates."

While passing over the claims of the reactionaries, "that municipal bodies do take too much upon themselves with results injurious both to ratepayer and private enterprise," the Economist sees little danger of loss and much chance for improvement if the taxpayers have as full an opportunity of knowing what is going on as the shareholders in a well managed public company. It advocates that ratepayers should "have periodically placed before them the fullest and clearest account of the assets of their several undertakings, and of the profit or loss that may be incurred by any of them. Qualified and independent aud-

tors should show to the understanding of the most unskilled persons precisely what rates are being spent and what advantages they have secured."

Infant Workers. Result of Official Investigation of Child Labor in the Factories of New Jersey.

The following is taken from an official statement made to the Legislature of New Jersey by John L. Swartz, acting chief factory inspector:

Last May the Governor instructed me to take hold of the work of the department of factories and workshops and investigate the conditions that prevail in New Jersey as to child labor. The department was found in the conditions that prevail in the textile industry, which includes Paterson and Passaic, are true to a greater or less degree as to the entire state.

In the beginning the department was confronted with assertions and published statements that child labor existed in some of the mills of Paterson. In the sentences of charitable organizations and labor unions complained that the child labor law was not enforced. The school teachers in the mill districts described conditions, which, if they existed, show that the child labor law is not observed.

As complaints were made that the local deputies did not attempt to enforce the law, deputies were transferred. Twelve outside deputies were sent into the textile districts, but no results were obtained. The number of violations reported by the deputy was so small as to force the conclusion that either there was no child labor in the district or, if there was, the local deputy could not find it.

To test the situation further it was decided to detail a special investigator, who was sent to Paterson and Passaic. He continued his work in the district for six weeks. He was very much crippled in obtaining information, as it was impossible to give him legal authority to enter the mills, and he was compelled to obtain information from outside investigation. In the short time he was in the district he reported seventy-three cases of child labor violation in the mills. These children ranged in age from eight to fourteen years, and comprised some of both sexes.

Needing him in another part of the state, we were compelled to remove the special investigator before he had been able to run down all the cases he had on hand, and at the time he was removed from the district he reported that he had a list of 200 children who he had good reason to believe were under the legal age.

In one mill he found and investigated twenty cases; in another mill twenty-two cases. Of one mill in Passaic the investigator reported: "As I watched the employees leaving at the noon hour it seemed more like the letting out of a kindergarten than a mill."

Of a mill in Paterson he made the following statement: "I visited a mill in this city at the noon hour. The number of children of illegal age employed there was, whom to be limited only by the number procurable. I counted eighty-eight children under one gate at the sound of the 1 o'clock whistle."

When the Grand Jurors was asked the reason for his aversion to foreigners he is reported to have answered, "First whisky, and then the soldiers," whereby it appears that the ruler of Thibet is a man of some discernment.

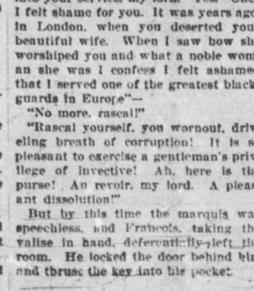
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