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not be able to concentrate her mind on anything but what the women behind her are thinking of her dressmaker.

WHAT IS WORK? WHAT ISN'T? A NICE NEW WORLD PROBLEM

Who Will Say a Word to the Brotherhoods for the Vast Majority That Tolls Otherwise Than With Its Hands?

SOME time or other in the happy future the pie will disappear utterly as a weapon of offense in the movies.

It is not the method of the brotherhoods that is most interesting in this instance. It is the degree of their reliance upon the strike as a solution in times of difficulty.

Yet strikes and the reprisals with which they are met in the weary argument between capital and labor are alike futile and illogical.

Ruthless denunciation of organized labor for its menacing egotism is not entirely just. Labor when it threatens and gestures as the railway brotherhoods have been doing may be charged with folly or selfishness.

It is the habit of labor men to believe that all the rights are with the "workers" and the "producers," but they exhibit a painfully restricted understanding of the familiar terms.

The brotherhoods make no secret of their conviction that they are the railroads. But they never would have built and organized the railroads.

There are millions of producers of whom you never hear. Teachers contribute knowledge. They produce idealism and ideas.

Northwest or, like Cassatt, lunging forward in enterprises of a magnitude that frightened stockholders out of their shoes year after year.

THE vast majority of those producers whose work is even more important than that of the railway brotherhoods are unorganized and obscure.

OUR OVERDISCIPLINED ARMY ONE of the most surprising characteristics of almost every returned soldier is his frank detestation of the military regime as he encountered it in the persons of young officers in France.

It was to have been expected that privates in civil life were professional men, college graduates or types of the independent and well-trained citizen who is the stabilizing factor in American life.

THE behavior of a good many officers new from the training camps toward enlisted men is the testimony of the returned soldier is to be accepted at its face value, was often harsher than that of the West Pointers themselves.

PLANS are making to give \$500,000 each to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, and to raise each of them to an earldom.

IN the failure of a savings bank the biggest losses are suffered in the smallest times in the smallest accounts.

Old Glory Protects Them A French boy and a Belgian boy, slow wags on a troopship arriving in Philadelphia, are to be permitted to remain in this country, new friends having put up bonds for them.

Capitalists who are talking of taking over the shipyards are satisfied that Hog Island will come home with the bacon.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER Aptness of the Rhyme About Mr. Meers and His Clock—George W. Coles and Cornelius Haggarty, Jr., Visit the Capital. Washington Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. A BIT of doggerel which some of the old boys will remember, especially those who frequented "The Bungalow," at Harvey Cedars, runs like this:

There was a man, he had a clock, His name was Mr. Meers, And every day he wound it up For more than thirty years;

But when at last it was found out An eight-day clock to be, A madder man than Mr. Meers You'd never want to see.

PROTHONOTARY Henry F. Walton or Judge John M. Patterson will look up the records they will find that this verse was very popular about the time Edwin F. Dixey, the Philadelphia pioneer in minstrelsy, after a vain effort to drive a picture nail straight in the wall, struck his thumb with a hammer.

GEORGE W. COLES, the mainpring of the Town Meeting party, and Cornelius Haggarty, Jr., who is one of the live wires of the Democratic organization in Philadelphia, were both in Washington one day last week at about the same time.

THE Boston proceedings of the Atlantic Deep-sea Water Ways Association are being circulated about the capital. They are always welcome here and help to keep alive the Philadelphia interest in national improvements.

GEORGE P. DARROW, the most amiable member of the Philadelphia delegation in Congress, is a Mason of high degree. There are only two or three others in the House who are entitled to wear the decorations which the German town representative may assume on state occasions.

WONDER if Thomas W. Barlow, who was in the district attorney's office years ago, has been consulted about the Shantung affair? Petitions on behalf of Chinamen are coming in so thickly that the president has had to shake the hand of the President. There is a chance that the President may accept the invitation. He may avail himself of the opportunity to explain the league of nations at the shrine of American liberty.

SECRETARY WILSON, of the Labor Department, wants an international labor conference at Washington, Aug. 15. A former Pennsylvania member has been stirring up his old acquaintances in the House.



THE CHAFFING DISH

Song, in Deprecation of Pulchritude of Beauty (so the poets say): Thou art joy and solace great: Long ago and far away Thou art safe to contemplate.

Speaking of the ice shortage, why is it that every restaurant thinks it necessary to put half a pound of it in every glass of iced tea?

MAIDS, WIVES AND WIDOWS The Romance of an Easterner from the West By Harry Levenkron CHAPTER 7

"WELL, sir," said I addressing her brother-in-law, Bruce, "may I ask when the arrangements for a quick wedding can be made?"

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HERMAN MELVILLE

BLUE, blue sky above a blue, blue ocean, White canvas bellying to a lashing breeze, Yielding the very poetry of motion To those who sail the sun-bathed Southern seas.

THESE scenes and hosts of fantasies and fancies Come, Melville, at the mention of your name, And conjure up the time when youth's romances Were quickened by your vivifying flame.

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ 1. What is a poubaire? 2. What is hebdomadal? 3. Where is the Island of Formosa? 4. Where is Budapest? 5. What English writers were derisively called the Cockney School? 6. Who was Benjamin Constant? 7. Who was Grant Allen? 8. Who wrote "Choose a friend as thou dost a wife, ill death separate you"? 9. What is the area of New Mexico? 10. Who discovered Argentina?