

# The Daily Review.

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The reason given by another clerk for the poverty of the class to which he belonged was curious. He said that the enormous influx of Germans into the country had lessened the price of clerk's labor. "They actually offer to come," said he, "for six months without any salary at all, if it is agreed that at the end of that time they shall have £60 to £70 a year for their work. They live mostly in the north of London, and walk to their work. What they eat at home I don't know; but in the city here they go to alameda-beef shops, where they can get a plate of thick stew or a small piece of corned beef for six pence, and that, with some bread and a glass of water is sufficient for them. They can even get sauerkraut for two pence, and some of them eat that only and bread. Many of them club together in twos, and even threes, for one bedroom in Islington, and there live at the rate of about three shillings a week apiece. You see they possess a great advantage over English clerks. They know German naturally; English they have learned, and some of them speak French. English clerks, as a rule, only know their own language. The employers find that Germans can keep accounts just as well as Englishmen, that they will not object to work as late or as early as may be requested, and that they want next to nothing in the shape of salary. These are great considerations, especially in hard times, and those who have large offices cannot overlook them. Then, again, with the exception of the head clerks, the work which shippers', merchants' and brokers' clerks have to do is very easy, and really not worth large pay it might almost always be done by mere lads.

With smooth flowering phrase, crisp sentences, eloquent words and acute criticism which sparkles and shines in humor and wit, says the Oil City Derrick, Ingersoll has captivated many minds, and found numerous readers. In discourses which attract attention like a thrilling romance, in lofty flights of imagination which interest and fascinate, he is able by his elegant use of language to infuse principles which would be rejected in a coarser setting. But though his words are smooth and his ideas as fascinating as a tale of Arabia, we cannot but rejoice that he cannot overthrow the faith of a future life. The death bed is at all times and in all circumstances, sad and horribly mysterious to the living. What must it be then to the person dying, unless he is sustained by the hope of seeing those he loves, again? The simple faith that the wife will meet her husband, and husband his wife, the parent the child, smooths the dying pillow as the mother's hand cools the brain of the stricken son. We can imagine a happy death-bed, where the aged wife waits longingly for the parting breath, secure and earnest in her belief that she is to meet her husband who has gone before, even as if she was setting out on a journey to another town. There is no fear and dread to such an one. It is this great faith, this wondrous joy of dying, which Ingersoll would kill by quaint and subtle ways. And when he does so, men well may fear to live.

California has been enforcing the new constitution, compelling all corporations to dismiss their Chinese laborers. The bill just signed by the Governor punishes with a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 or imprisonment from 50 to 500 days or both, any director of any present or future corporation organized under California law that shall "employ in any manner or capacity upon any work or business of such corporation any Chinese or Mongolian."

A second offence is punishable by a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000, or 250 days to two years in prison or both. The charter of the corporation may also be annulled—an authority which it is claimed the Legislature derives from the "granger act," recently passed. Kearny and his Sand Lotterers are jubilant. But the leading corporations propose to resist the law as unconstitutional. The validity of the act will be determined by the United States Supreme Court. But the way that capital is leaving California is a warning. Millions are being transferred to New York for the glory of Kearny and his followers.

Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, who gained a wide reputation as a humorist by a speech on Duluth some years ago, enlivened the proceedings of the House the other day with a speech on corporations. Beginning with a reference to "the extraordinary multiplication and enormous aggrandizement" of corporations "organized for every conceivable purpose that cupidity or caprice can suggest," he said of them: "Turn which way we will, we are confronted by these ideal entities, these incorporeal, intangible faculties, these viewless, soulless, bloodless beings whom an omnipotent God never created, and for whom there is no provision in the plan of salvation."

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