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**Glucose from Rags.**

The *Journal of Applied Science* says: "A manufactory in Germany turns out 1,000 pounds of grape-sugar a day from old linen. The linen, which is pure vegetable fibrine, is treated with sulphuric acid and converted into dextrine. This is washed with lime-water, and then treated with more acid, and almost immediately it changes and crystallizes into glucose, or grape-sugar, which is highly valued in the making of rich preserves and jellies. The process is said to be economical, and the sugar is chemically the same as that found in the grape. Why the product should be objected to on the ground of its origin is not clear, if one reflects that grapes are nourished by materials more offensive than old rags' and that there is practically no difference between the transformation in Nature's laboratory and one in the laboratory of the chemist. Still there is a great outcry over the German sugar-rag factory, and considerable danger of the enterprise being stopped by the German Government."

Whether the times are hard or easy there are people who are not happy and want to change things for their own benefit at the expense of the general welfare. Yesterday's dispatches brought news of serious discontent among skilled laborers in half a dozen places that are widely apart, and in each place the discontent had taken shape in that worst of all methods of adjusting the differences between employes and employed—the strike. The New York piano manufacturers are at loggerheads with their employes over a demand for an increase of wages. The journeymen in one large factory have struck, and their union having sustained them, the union of manufacturers propose to play the same game. The latter, therefore, announce that unless the strikers return to work by a given date every other manufacturer in the city will suspend business until the recalcitrant journeymen come to terms. This shows how one side can strike as well as another, and if both continue in hostile mood labor cannot fail to suffer most. In Troy there is a strike of nickel-platers for an advance of fifteen per cent, and the strikers have fallen into violence. In Cohoes fortyeight hundred mill hands are holding out for a ten per cent. advance and an hour's nooning. Two hundred and seventy-five thousand spindles are idle and the daily loss of the strikers in stopped wages is \$5,000. These are specimen bricks of a day's news, and, as if the signs were not bad enough, it is given out that political labor agitators are coming from St. Louis to organize more conflicts. It was hardly worth while to have prosperity return if its opportunities are thus abused.

While surveying in the mountains northeast of Anaheim, California, last year, Major William P. Reynolds encountered a man who had worked for him in former years. He failed to recognize him, however, until the stranger explained who he was. He was then a man of 200 pounds weight, whereas he weighed 340 pounds when in the Major's employ. The secret of his reduced size was freely given. A short distance up the mountain was a spring, the waters of which contained some mineral anti-fat properties. Did the Major want to lose some of the superfluous flesh which encumbered him. He did. He drank the water and in ten days his weight had been reduced 25 pounds. He continued drinking the water until from 210 pounds he was reduced to 170 pounds, his present weight. This was accomplished without any vio-

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