

## TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Labor Council Will Plan Free National Labor Exchange.

AT WASHINGTON THIS MONTH.

With Branches in All Large Cities, Great Country Wide Bureau Would Assist Employer as Well as Employee—Should Relieve Laborers' Distress, Says Secretary Straus.

A great national labor exchange, free alike to employer and employee, with branches in all the large cities of the country, is one of the results to be sought by the council of labor that will meet in Washington this month at the suggestion of Secretary Straus of the department of commerce and labor. Mr. Straus is now in correspondence with E. H. Gary of the United States Steel corporation and other large employers of labor throughout the country, and plans for the convention are rapidly being formed. The date has not been set for the meeting, but it will probably be held in the last week of the month.

"The most important of the subjects to be taken up," says Secretary Straus, "is perhaps that of the unemployed. How to give work to men out of work when there is no work in sight is a serious problem, but by no means an unsolvable one."

"Suppose we take the case of a tinner in New York," Mr. Straus continued, "who has just lost his job because work in his particular line has given out. He tramps the streets for several days and finds other tinner in the same predicament. After he has convinced himself that there is nothing for him to do in the big city he applies to the bureau of information of the department of commerce and labor—which in the meantime has been perfected and enlarged to the proportions to which we hope to see it grow—and makes his wants known there. The man in charge of the information of workmen wanted takes down his big book and looks over the pages. He finds that 1,000 tinner are wanted in Seattle to work on the buildings of the Alaska and Yukon exposition, that four or five hundred sheet metal workers are needed in Chicago, St. Louis and Denver and that 3,000 men can find employment in the great fruit orchards and vineyards of California, all at first class wages. 'I'd like to take a job out in Seattle,' the tinner says, 'but how am I to get there?' 'We can send you out there for \$12.50, and the fare will be taken out of your first week's wages,' the man at the bureau tells him. So the thing is done. The workless man goes west and finds his work, and the helpless employer in Seattle finds his help. We hope to be able to make such arrangements with the railroads that reduced rates may be obtained for men who are going after work, and by the establishment of offices in the various big cities of the country the scope of the work may be extended to practically cover the whole United States."

"When the wants of the employer and the employee can be made thoroughly known to each other," Mr. Straus continued, "as soon as their wants occur a great share of the distress among the laboring classes will disappear. Judge Gary of the Steel corporation has written me a letter setting forth his views on the matter, and I have written him. I am also in correspondence with other prominent men on the same subject. Messrs. Powderly and Keefe of the Immigration service and Donnelly of the government printing office are in correspondence with the principal labor representatives of the country, and the views of all men interested in the good of the workingman's cause will be given opportunity for expression at the convention."

Since July 1, when the bureau of information of the department of commerce and labor was established, work for 2,512 men has been found. This record, brought up to Dec. 19, is considered very gratifying when the fact is taken into consideration that the scope of the bureau is still extremely limited and its operations are practically unknown to the great mass of workmen and only partly understood by the employers.

### Talking Postal Card Coming.

The talking postal card is the invention of a French engineer and has become so popular in that country that the American rights have been secured, and the device will be placed in the cities of the United States. The person wishing to send a talking postal card to a friend enters the booth and talks into a machine that records the words on the specially prepared postal card. When the recipient receives the card a hundred or a thousand miles away he or she takes the card to the nearest postal booth and inserts it in a machine which talks the message it contains. The record on the postal card is indestructible, and the exact voice of the sender is heard.

### Longest Tunnel For Russia.

Russia is on the eve of undertaking the construction of the longest and most difficult tunnel cutting in the world. It will be twenty-one versts or more than fourteen miles long, exceeding in length by two miles the Simplon tunnel, at present the longest in history. The Russian tunnel is to be cut between Vladikavkas and Tiflis, in the mountains of northern Caucasus. It is estimated that the tunnel will cost \$30,000,000 and that the work will take ten years.

## DON'T BE TOO CLEVER.

Men Fight Shy of the Intellectual Woman.

Why are so many clever girls unmarried? Is it because the mere man has his own conceit and naturally does not wish to be overruled by his wife? Perhaps he wants people to consult his opinion and not appeal to his wife for everything.

Then, too, a man does not fancy the possession of a clever wife in his home. Of that abode he must be the chief head, and for a wife to be continually thrusting her cleverness down his throat would be very unpleasant to the average husband.

Men fight shy of the clever girl as a wife, and, after all, surely in many cases it is her own fault. You can be clever without obtruding your views upon other people. They will find out your attainments for themselves without your indirectly telling them of your wonderful stores of knowledge. But it is not fair to confuse the would be bluestocking with the girl who has taken up some special line and tried to perfect herself in that direction only.

Thus, to sum up in a nutshell, it is only the obtrusively all around clever girl that finds herself outside the pale of love's domain.

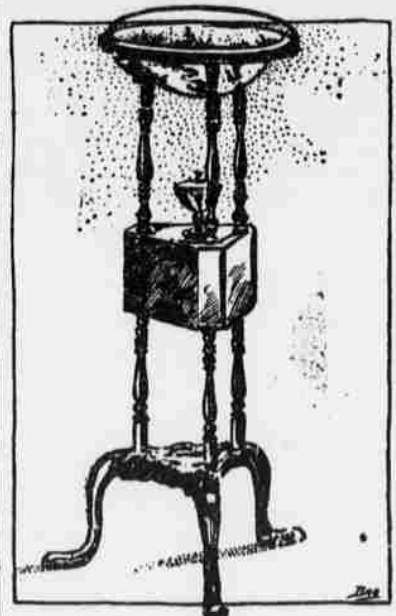
The clever girl fails to attract men in her home life. A womanly woman is a man's ideal, and the girl who can take a servant's place in the kitchen or look after the little ones in the nurse's absence appeals far more to a man than the woman who could take the chair at a scientific meeting.

So be warned, and if you want to crown your life with the greatest of all happiness—a man's love—don't let him know that you are overclever.

## STAND FOR CARDS.

A Modern Adaptation of an Old Time Stand.

This is an era of revivals, dress, furnishings and furniture being modeled upon favorite designs of bygone days. In the line of simple furniture there are charming little copies of old world



A NEW OLD STAND.

powder stands, and one example by a foreign manufacturer is here pictured. It is fashioned from mahogany, the special feature being the bowl of fine ware set in the top and intended for cards or flowers. A bit of bric-a-brac may be advantageously displayed on the two tiny shelves underneath.

## PHILOSOPHY OF WOMEN.

It is what we will to will, not what we will. That makes us what we are.

There is no death but that which we do bring.

Upon ourselves while yet we seem to live.

—Amelie Rives (Princess Troubetzkoy.)

When pain grows sharp and sickness rages

The greatest love of life appears.

—Mrs. Thrale.

Space is against thee—it can part;

Time is against thee—it can chill;

Words—they but render half the heart;

Deeds—they are poor to our rich will.

—Jean Ingelow.

We speak of saints and enthusiasts

for good as if some special gifts were

made to them in middle age which are

withheld from other men. Is it not

rather that some few souls keep alive

the lamp of zeal and high desire

which God lights for most of us while

life is young.—Mrs. Ewing.

The most popular people during the

last decade of the nineteenth century

were the people who had had influenza

and so could discuss it in all its various

stages, but whose recorded temperature

had always kept one degree

lower than the temperature of those

with whom they conversed. There is

a subtle flattery in a slight inferiority

of temperature which even sanctified

human nature cannot resist.

The common lot is the best thing

for this life has to offer, and, luckily

for us, the best of us are fit for nothing

better, since there is nothing better

this side of heaven.—Ellen Thorncroft Fowler.

### When Tired—

Don't grit your teeth and work

harder. Ease up a little.

Don't talk any more than you can

help. Talking takes vitality.

Lie down in a dark place, if only for

fifteen minutes.

Don't read anything in which you

are not interested.

Don't feel that everything must be

done in one day. There are 364 more.

Realize that it is better to leave

things undone than overdo yourself.

Avoid people and their woes at that

time. Seek some one frivolous.

Don't try to improve yourself. Give

your mind a rest.

And don't forget that a little lemon

juice in cold water in the morning is a

great help.

## NEW HAITI. ENT.

General Antoine Simon and His Turbulent Island Republic.

The coup by which General Antoine Simon, with 8,000 troops at his back, gained the presidency of Haiti was not the work of a moment or a day. When the two chambers of the Haitian congress met in joint assembly and elected him the successor of Nord Alexis without one dissenting voice it was the culmination of a scheme which originated several years previously. It is now 105 years since Haiti threw off the rule of France, and it has had many rulers in that time. Generally the man who could rally the most soldiers to his support has won the presidency. It was in 1902 that Nord Alexis won it in that way. But he had not been living



PRESIDENT ANTOINE SIMON OF HAITI.

six months in the executive palace at Port au Prince before General Simon had plans under way, it is said, to become his successor. Rather more cautious than some of the other Haitians of ambition, General Simon kept his ambitions under cover until he could be assured of sufficient disaffection and restlessness on the part of the army to enable him to strike.

And that is the way things have always gone in the island between Porto Rico and Cuba. The usual period which a schemer for the presidency can count upon is eighteen months. A peaceable rule of greater length is not to be dreamed of. There are ministers of state and ministers of war—especially the latter—to say nothing of exiled presidents and ministers of war, who must be given consideration. Of the score of presidents, so called, which Haiti has had, sixteen have been deposed by violence.

## MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

Handsome Woman Who is One of the Leaders of the Suffragettes.

At a recent meeting in New York in the interest of woman suffrage and under the auspices of the Collegiate Woman Suffrage League of New York State a message was read from the noted English advocate of woman's rights, Mrs. Philip Snowden, accepting an invitation to become honorary vice



MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

president of the league. Mrs. Snowden has been conspicuous in the recent doings of the suffragettes in England and is not only a woman of brains, but also one of beauty. Mrs. Snowden was Miss Ethel Annakin, daughter of Richard Annakin of Harrogate, and she married Philip Snowden, M. P., in 1905. Mr. Snowden is one of the leaders of the Socialist party in the house of commons and is author, journalist and lecturer.

### Out With "Uncle Joe."

Several members of the present house of representatives are not on speaking terms with Uncle Joe Cannon. Among them is Victor Murdock of Kansas, who has been telling in a current magazine for several months the hardships and difficulties against which a member must contend who is not on friendly relations with the czar who wields the gavel. Representative Burton is another man who has not trucked to Uncle Joe. It is doubtful if Burton's insubordination has cost him anything, however, because he commands so much influence in the house on his own account.

### Family Discipline.

"So you are going to send your youngest boy to college?" "Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel. "He's too big for me to handle in the wood shed, and I guess I'll have to have him based."—Washington Star.

## Young Folks

WHAT THE COLD DOES.

Effects of Low Temperatures on Metals and Water.

Now that the cold weather is here everything is getting smaller. The iron bridge you walk over isn't as big as it was last Fourth of July, and the knife that you sharpen your pencil with has shrunk, though so slightly that you would need a microscope to see the difference. If you live near a big iron bridge you can find the place that the builders have allowed for this shrinkage. It is an arrangement of overlapping iron plates. If the bridge were made solid it would break or get out of shape as the seasons changed.

You can see a metal expand quite quickly if you like by holding your finger over the bulb of a thermometer. Mercury, or quicksilver, expands and contracts more than other liquids, and that is why we use it in thermometers. Besides, it does not freeze unless it is very, very cold.

The strange thing about water is that as it gets colder it contracts like most things, but as soon as it freezes it expands again. If you fill a tumbler of water full to the very brim and set it out to freeze you will find that when it has frozen solid the ice extends above the rim of the glass. Only if you make this experiment use an old tumbler or glass, for it may possibly crack.

It is a very good thing that water does expand when it freezes, for that makes it light, so that it floats. If it were heavy and sank, our lakes and streams would get frozen solid in winter, and it would take a long series of warm summer days to melt them again, and all the fish would be killed. —Philadelphia Record.

## DUCK UNDER THE WATER.

An Old English Game That is Full of Life and Motion.

In playing this game each child chooses a partner and they form in couples, standing one pair before another till a long line is made. Each couple holds a handkerchief between them as high as they can, to form an arch. The couple at the foot of the line run through the arch, stopping just beyond the last couple standing at the head. There they stand still and hold up their handkerchief, thus forming another arch. This is repeated by every couple left at the foot in succession, so that there are always the same number of arches. The line may be straight or curved or in a circle, according to fancy or the space in which the game is played.

This game is very pretty, with its quick motions and changing arches. It is an English game, played in Northamptonshire. Formerly in the northern part of the county even married women played it on May day under the May garland which was hung from chimney to chimney across the village street.

### Ill News Travels Fast.



—Youth's Companion.

### A Pretty Superstition.

Among the superstitions of the Seneca Indians is or was a beautiful one connected with the death of a maiden. When this occurred, they imprisoned a young bird and kept it so until it began to try its powers of song, and then, loading it with caresses and messages, they set it free over her grave in the belief that it would not fold its wings or close its eyes until it had flown to the spirit land and delivered its burden of affection to the loved one.

### Game of Rhapsodies.

Have your guests seat themselves in a circle. Distribute paper and pencils and when all are ready read the last word of each line of a chosen poem. The others must write a line ending with that word, and when the poems are complete each must read her own. Some funny verses come to light.

### A Minute at Panama.

Every two minutes a ton of coal is burned up at Panama, every minute twelve carloads of rock and gravel are torn from the earth, every hour 1,000 pounds of dynamite are exploded in mountain and jungle, every minute \$124 is spent for labor.—Putnam's Magazine.

### The Bitter End.

The teacher was drilling her little pupils in the meaning of words and requested them to form sentences containing the words "bitter end." Directly a little girl submitted this: "The dog chased the cat under the piazza and bit her end."

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