

### Initials on Coins.

The old Bland "cartwheel" dollars bear the initial "M." of their designer, Morgan, in two places; our dimes, quarters and half dollars bear the initial "B." of Mr. Barber, chief engraver at the mint, though it takes a strong magnifying glass to find it; our gold quarter and half eagles bear three initials of Bela L. Pratt, the artist who designed them; the \$20 gold pieces issued from 1849 to 1907 bore the initials of their designer, "J. B. L." and the original Indian head cents bore the "L." of the same designer.

It is an excellent custom, and Mr. Brenner's "V. D. B." should be left alone. If Secretary MacVeagh wants something to play with, let him tackle the puzzles in the new tariff.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Five and a quarter million people are employed in the world's mines.

### A Bad Man.

Thomas Nelson Page was talking in the smoking room of the America about the old-fashioned bad men of the West.

"They are extinct now," said Mr. Page. "and I am sorry. They were, you know, so picturesque. I remember a western trip—"

He laughed heartily. "We were all seated in the bar-room of Tin Can or Dead Cur—some such town. I was the only tenderfoot present. Every man about me bristled with guns and knives like an enraged porcupine. If I refused to drink, I was given to understand I would be turned into a human pin-cushion or worse.

"Well, as I sipped a friendly glass of something resembling wood alcohol, a very bad man, indeed, rode on a prancing mustang right into the barroom. He drew up and had a drink when, spying me, he said:

"'Whar ye from, stranger?'"

"'Richmond,' said I.

"'Not good old Richmond, Va.?' he exclaimed.

"'Yes,' said I; 'do you know it?'"

"'Know it?' he shouted. 'Know it? Best jail I ever was in.'—Washington Star.

### Stately Trees.

Everyone who admires the stately trees of the old New England towns—and who does not?—will be gratified to know that tree planting is being carried on systematically on the Massachusetts roads. The report of E. W. Breed, forester of the State Highway Commission, shows that during the year ending November 29, 1908, 1134 new trees were planted and 744 old trees were replaced. During the preceding five years, 13,113 trees had been distributed among fifty-five towns. The cost in 1908 of new trees averaged \$1.29 each, and

the average cost of maintenance was twenty cents per tree.—Scientific American.

### A Diminishing Audience.

"I hope," said the captain, addressing the passengers on a small coaster, "that we all twenty-five will have a pleasant trip." The soup then appeared. "I trust, too, that we—twenty-four will reach port benefited by the voyage, and, as I look upon you—er—twenty-two smiling faces I am sure this group of—er—seventeen will be a happy family. Will all of you—er—thirteen I see at the table join me in drinking a health to our coming trip? We seven, that is, three—well, you and I, my dear sir—here, steward, clear away these dishes."—Bohemian.

At a recent exhibition of women's work at London there were exhibited five safety razors invented by women.

### Edible Collars.

Governor Stubbs' brother owns a number of valuable dogs. Recently he directed the old colored man who works for him to go downstairs and buy some dog collars.

"Remember," was the injunction given the colored man, "remember to get good ones. Get the right kind." The colored man faithfully carried out orders and purchased what he believed were good collars. When he got home some one asked him, "Well, did you get the collars?"

"Yassah," he replied. "What kind did you get?"

"Ah got de digestible kind." And he produced a number of adjustable collars.—Kansas City Journal.

The pack of Columbia River salmon shows a twenty per cent. shrinkage from last year. The season has been about twenty-five per cent. short of preceding seasons in duration.



A patent has been granted in Germany on a starch, insoluble in hot water and unaffected by strong alkalis, which is useful as a filter in plastic compositions and in the manufacture of paper.

The possibility of a planet outside of the orbit of Neptune, since its discovery in 1847 considered the outermost of the solar system, is indicated by calculations at Harvard Observatory of certain irregularities in Neptune's orbit.

Concrete, when brought into contact with water, steadily acquires compactness and resistant power until it maintains its maximum in those qualities, which it retains indefinitely and without deterioration.

Every year thousands of persons in France, according to M. Motais—dressmakers, clerks, cashiers and accountants—lose their sight, not so much from excess of work as from defective lighting and a deplorably faulty position during their work.

In a paper read before the Paris Academy of Sciences, Monsieur Chauveau shows that the organism to which the effects of ordinary vaccine are due is still unknown, being beyond the reach of the microscope. Its properties can be inferred, however, and experiment proves that it cannot be of a crystalline or colloidal nature. When the vaccine is covered with water and allowed to diffuse, no virulent properties are communicated to the upper layers of water. Monsieur Chauveau regards it as certain that the organism is a living being.

According to Electrical Engineering, rules have been issued to the effect that no apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board merchant ships, whether British or foreign, shall be used in any of the harbors of Gibraltar, except with the written permission of the governor. The making or answering of signals of distress are excepted. The bill requiring all steamers to be equipped with wireless apparatus, which was introduced in the Canadian Parliament, has been shelved for the present, for the reason, it is said, of seeing what steps the British Government is taking in this direction.

### A PARISIAN SEANCE.

The Materialization of a Man Graphically Described.

Vance Thompson, in writing a series of articles on psychic research, based upon his experiences and interviews among the savants of Europe—a series which in vivid portrayal and authentic detail far surpasses anything of the sort yet printed in a popular periodical. In Hampton's Magazine he thus describes a seance, men and women seated alternately in a circle:

Suddenly one of my neighbors grinds her body against mine and gives a little cry.

"There!" she exclaims. "I, too, see a vague light flickering against the curtain, far up near the top, and to the right, of the opening into the cabinet. It is a luminous nebulousity. At the end of a minute within this light, which is wavering and fluctuating, there comes a globe of radiance which is clearly outlined against the black curtain. At first this globe is no bigger than a golf-ball. It augments rapidly until it is the size of an infant's head. There seems to be gray spots on it and little points of brighter radiance. (Dr. de Vesme says one might have been watching the genesis of a child, all the slow growth crowded into a panoramic moment.) The ball is now the size of a man's head, and the extreme brilliancy has faded from it. There is a bluish tonality in the nebulous mass.

For a while it hangs against the curtain; then, as though it had shaken itself loose, it descends in zigzag lines to the floor and hovers there. It is a ball of blue-stained light; bluish as Sheffield steel. It rises and falls, floats this way and that, now toward the curtain, again two or three feet away. There is a time when it has drifted within five feet of my knees. Then it becomes stationary. It grows taller; it is as though the head rose while below it the shadowy light took on consistence and form.

It grows until it has attained the height of a man. The human form, uncertain at first, is clearly accentuated. You see the head (which was the ball), the arms, the hands; but all this you see behind nebulous drapery. The figure is now very nearly six feet high. It wavers there. Abruptly a circle of light, like a gilt crown, forms on the head. The eyes are visible.

Silence now; only you feel the lurching of those magnetic waves as the women press themselves harder against you, clutching with hands, grinding with knees. (This is not rhetoric. I am leading you to a formidable fact. I iterate it so that you may have clearly in mind the physical basis of "the chain.") Then in the profound silence, a voice, strong and rather formal:

"I am Dr. Benton."

The total continental area of the United States, including that of Alaska, is about equal to that of all Europe.

# Pass the Word Along

It won't cost you a penny to reach out a helping hand to a great army of honest, hard-working and deserving men and women.

Just your moral support will insure work, a living, and comforts which are now either partly or wholly denied them.

How so?

Come on, let's have a look. You've often been importuned and many have been commanded by advertisement or otherwise to "refuse to buy anything unless it bears the union label."

Looks harmless on its face, doesn't it?

It really is a "demand" that you boycott the products made by over 80 per cent. of our American workingmen and women, who decline to pay fees to, and obey the dictates of the union leaders.

It demands that you ask the merchant for articles with the "union label," thus to impress him with its importance.

It seeks to tell you what to buy and what to refuse. The demands are sometimes most insolent, with a "holier than thou" impudence.

It demands that you take away the living of this 80 per cent. of American workmen and women.

Is that clear?

Why should a small body of workmen ask you to help starve the larger body?

There must be some reason for the "union label" scheme.

Run over in your mind and remember how they carry on their work.

During a discussion about working or striking in the coal regions, about 25,000 men preferred to work, they had wives and babies to feed. The union men said openly in their conversation that if the employers didn't discharge these men they (the union men) would kill them.

So they dynamited about a dozen homes, maimed and crippled women and children and brutally assaulted scores of these independent workers.

The big boys of the union men were taught to pound the school children of the independent men. How would you like to have your little girl shortly grown from the toddling baby who used to sit on your lap and love "Daddy" pounded by some big bullies on her way home from the school where she had gone to try and please Daddy by learning to read?

The little bruised face and body would first need tender care while you ponder the inscription writ deep in your heart, by that Master and Guide to all human compassion, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me." Then perhaps you would drop to your knees and pray Almighty God for strength in your right arm to strike one manly and powerful blow for baby's sake, even if you went to death for it.

Helpless children were brought home, with faces black or bleeding from the blows and kicks of these fiends, teaching independent Americans that they must stop work when told and pay fees to the leaders of "labor." Thousands of men, women and children have been treated thus.

From somewhere, Oh, Father of us all, we try to believe that You look with pitying eyes upon these brutal blows, cuts and scars on the many human bodies made in your likeness and image.

They are beautifully and wonderfully made, each the dwelling place of a Divine Soul.

Is it Your wish that they be crushed by iron shod heels, cut by knives or torn asunder by bullets and dynamite?

May we venture to think that a long suffering patience is extended in the hope that the men and women of America may some day wake to a realization of the awful cruelties perpetrated by this spirit of oppression and that they will some time learn the lesson that the "sacred gift of human freedom and liberty" was given by God and must be defended even to death itself.

Our forefathers were used by the infinite God to establish our freedom in 1776, and our fathers gave freely of their blood and treasure to establish the freedom of the black. Now again it seems we are called upon to protect our brothers and ourselves from that old time spirit of tyranny which comes up from time to time to force people to obey tyrannous rules and bend the knee of the slave.

In Wellston, Ohio, thirty Americans sought employment in a factory. They were seeking to earn food for their families. They were bombarded by rocks and pounded with clubs in the hands of union men.

One of the injured, John Brannihan, was taken to the city hospital with a broken jaw, crushed skull and other cuts and bruises. He was the father of two children, and was thought to be dying. Perhaps he did. I don't know, but I sometimes wonder what the children said to Mother when "Papy" didn't come home, and how they and the little woman got any food, and how they could place their wrongs before their own American fellows.

Mayhap sometime some kind person will equip a home where the orphans and widows of the victims of the Labor Trust may be cared for and fed.

It would take a big home. It has been said there were 31 Americans, many of them fathers, killed in one strike, (the teamsters in Chicago) and over 5000 maimed, many for life. That's only one "lesson" of these bullies. There are literally thousands of cases wherein your fellow American has been assaulted, maimed or killed by these men. The same work is going on day by day. Suppose you make a practice of picking out each day from the papers, accounts of brutality to American workmen who prefer to work free from the impudence and tyranny of self constituted leaders (?) than to be always subject to their beck and call, pay them fees and be told by them when and where to work, and for whom. You will discover the same general conditions underlying all these daily attacks.

In every case the workman prefers to be free. He has that right. He then tries to go to work. He and his family sorely need the money for food or he wouldn't run the risk of his life. Many such a man has wiped the tears away and quieted the fears of a loving wife, left with a kiss on her lips, set his manly jaw and walked into a shower of stones and bullets to win food for the loved mother and babies.

A good many have been brought home on stretchers with blood oozing from nose and ears, some cold, while some gradually recover, and carry for life the grim marks of the "union label."

They are your fellows, my friends, and yet you supinely read the accounts and say "too bad."

Have you grown so calloused that you care nothing for the sufferings of these men who need food and these helpless ones who rely on the life and strength of husband and father?

Let us hope that soon you may be moved by a just God to rise in your might and by voice and pen, by vote and right arm you will do a man's part in protecting yourselves and your brothers from this onslaught on American citizens. This cruel warfare is carried on not always to raise wages, but to establish union control, kick out the independent men and establish the "label."

Unfortunately the "Labor movement" which started many years ago honestly enough, has fallen under control of a lot of tyrannical, vicious "men of violent tendencies."

There are too many to attempt to name. You can recall them. They include men who have planned the murders of miners, teamsters, pressmen and carpenters, shoemakers and independent workmen of all kinds. Many of them have escaped hanging by an outraged public only because juries became terror stricken and dared not convict them.

Some have been punished slightly and some, including the principal officers of this nefarious crew are now under sentence to imprisonment but have appealed their cases.

Right here some apologist rises to protest against "speaking thus of laboring men." Bless your dear heart, it isn't the honest and real workman who does these things, it is the excitable ones and the toughs and thugs who don't work except with their mouths, but have secured control of too many unions. I don't even attempt to specify the criminal acts these persons have assisted or winked at in their plan for destroying free workmen and forcing men to stay in "the union" and hence under their control. The newspapers for the past 7 years contain almost daily accounts of the criminal, lawless and tyrannical acts against American citizens and haven't told half the tale.

Right here it becomes necessary to say for the ten thousandth time that there are scores of honest, law-abiding union men who deplore and are in no way responsible for the long infamous record of the "Labor Trust" under its present management, but they don't seem to stop it.

The men who manage, who pull the strings and guide the policy have made the record and it stands, as made by them.

Examine, if you please, the record of a string of members of the American Federation of Labor and you will view a list of crimes against Americans, stupendous beyond belief. They defy the laws, sneer at the courts, incite mobs and are avowed enemies of the peaceable citizens of all classes.

This band wields an iron bar over their subjects and drives them to idleness whenever they want to call a strike or exact extra pocket money for themselves.

Men don't want to be thrown out of work and lose their livelihood, but what can they do when the slugging and murdering committee stands always ready to "do them" if they try to work.

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Some "parlor socialist" who knows nothing of the Russian Czarinism of the great Labor Trust will ask right here: "Don't you believe in the right