Initials on Coins.

The old Bland "cartwheel" dollars bear the initial "M." of their design-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 ber a western tripthree initials of Bela L. Pratt, the artist who designed them; the \$20 gold pieces issued from 1849 to 1907 hore the initials of their designer, "J. B. L.," and the original Indian designer.

It is an excellent custom, and Mr. Brenner's "V. D. B." should be left alone. If Secretary MacVeagh wants cushion or worse. something to play with, let him tackle lyn Eagle.

are employed in the world's mines.

Thomas Nelson Page was talking in the smoking room of the Amerika 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 remem-

He laughed heartily. We were all seated in the barroom of Tin Can or Dead Cur-some such town. I was the only tenderfoot present. Every man about me brishead cents bore the "L." of the same tled with guns and knives like an enraged porcupine. If I refused

"Well, as I sipped a friendly glass the puzzles in the new tariff.-Brook- of something resembling wood alco"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 jall I ever was in.' "-Wash-

Stately Trees.

fied to know that tree planting is be- I am sure this group of er-seventeen ing carried on systematically on the will be a happy family. Will all of I was given to understand I E. W. Breed, forester of the State me in drinking a health to our comwould be turned into a human pin- Highway Commission, shows that ing trip? We seven, that is, threeduring the year ending November 20, well, you and I, my dear sir-here, 1908, 1134 new trees were planted steward, clear away these dishes."-744 old trees were replaced. Bohemian. and hol, a very bad man, indeed, rode on During the preceding five years, 13,a praceing mustang right into the 113 trees had been distributed among Five and a quarter million people barroot. He drew up and had a fifty-five towns. The cost in 1908 of work at London there were exhibited about twenty-five per cent. short of semployed in the world's mines. drink Then, spying me, he said: new trees averaged \$1.29 cach, and five safety rances invented by women. preceding sensons in duration.

the average copt of maintenance was 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-er-Everyone who admires the stately twenty-four will reach port benetrees of the old New England towns fited by the voyage, and, as I look lieved were good collars. When he and who does not? - will be grati- upon you-er-twenty-two smiling faces got home some one asked him, "Well, Massachusetts roads. The report of you-er-thirteen I see at the table join

At a recent exhibition of women's

Edible Collars

Governor Stubbs' brother owns & 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

et good ones. Get the right kind." The colored man faithfully carried out orders and purchased what he bedid you get the collars?'

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

"Ah got de digestible kind." 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

A patent has been granted in Germany on a starch, insoluble in hot water and unaffected by strong alkalies, 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. Motaisdressmakers, 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 ser-

les of articles on psychic research, based upon his experiences and inter-. views 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 nebulosity. At the end of a minute within this light, which is wavering and fluctuant, there comes a globe of radiance which is clearly outlined against the black curtain. At first this globe is no bigger than a golfball. 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 ex-

ulous 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.

treme brilliancy has faded from it.

There is a bluish tonality in the neb-

VIt 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

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

## Pass the Word Along

it won't cost you a penny to reach | In Wellston, Ohio, thirty Amer- | cal acts against American citizens and out a helping hand to a great army of icans sought employment in a factory. honest, hard-working and deserving They were seeking to earn food for

men and women. Just your moral support will insure work, a living, and comforts which the hands of union men. 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

Looks harmless on its face, doesn't

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 Importance.

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

It demands that you take away the workingmen and women.

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

There must be some reason for the "union label" scheme Run over in your mind and remem-

ber how they carry on their work. During a discussion about working or striking in the coal regions, about had wives and babies to feed The union men said openly in their convention 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 caught to pound the school children you like to have your little girl shortly grown from the toddling baby who used to sit on your lap and love "Dadby learning to read?

The little bruised face and body would first need tender care while you and yet you suplnely read the ac ponder the inscription writ deep in counts and say "too bad." 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.

home, with faces black or bleeding from the blows and kicks of these fiends, teaching independent Americans that they must stop work when trol, kick out the independent mer 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 by an outraged public only because torn asunder by bullets and dyna-juries became terror stricken and

May we venture to think that a ong suffering patience is extended in America may some day wake to a under sentence to imprisonment but realization of the awful cruelties per- have appealed their cases. petrated by this spirit of oppression and that they will some time learn the lesson that the "sacred gift of hu-man freedom and liberty" was given by God and must be defended even to

Our forefathers were used by the infinite God to establish our freedom in 4776, and our fathers gave freely lish the freedom of the black. Now again it seems we are called upon to ect our brothers and ourselves eople to obey tyrannous rules ad the knee of the slave.

their families. They were bombarded by rocks and pounded with clubs in

One of the injured, John Brannihan, was taken to the city hospital 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 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

It would take a big home. label," thus to impress him with its been said there were 31 Americans, many of them fathers, killed in one strike, (the teamsters in Chicago) living of this 80 per cent. of American ican has been assaulted, maimed or to work killed by these men. The same work is going on day by day. Suppose you dren suffer and no one dares present make a practice of picking out each their case to the public. They must day from the papers, accounts of brutality to American workingmen who dence 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 themselves and money to their pock-25,000 men preferred to work, they discover the same general conditions

underlying all these daily attacks. In every case the workingman prefers to be free. He has that right. 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 tips, set his manly jaw and walked into a shower of stones and of the independent men. How would bullets to win food for the loved

mother and babies. A good many have been prought home on stretchers with blood oozing dy" pounded by some big bullies on from nose and ears, some cold, while her way home from the school where some gradually recover, and carry for she had gone to try and please Daddy life the grim marks of the "union

They are your fellows, my friends,

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 rice in your might and by voice and pen, by vote and right arm you will do a man's part in protecting yourselves and Helpless children were brought your brothers from this onslaught on American citizens. This cruel warfare is carried on not always to raise wages, but to establish union conand egtablish the "label."

Unfortunately the "Labor move ment" 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 dared not convict them.

Some have been punished slightly and some, including the principal offi-ors of this pefarious crew are now on "the label." But for some reason hope that the men and women of cers of this nefarious crew are now

Right here some apologist rises to protest against "speaking thus of fused to buy any article carrying, laboring men." Bless your dear what some one named the "tag of serheart, it isn't the honest and real vitude and oppression." workman who does these things, it is the excitable ones and the toughs and thugs who don't workexcept with their buys any article not bearing the mouths, but have secured control of "union label." Nevertheless, be. too many unions. I don't even at- time and again, risks the penalty and tempt to specify the criminal acts buys "free" goods simply in order to these persons have assisted or winked help the fellow workingman who is at in their plan for destroying free our brothers and ourselves workingmen and forcing men to stay hat old time spirit of tyranny in "the union" and hence under their control. The newspapers for the past leaders who seek by every known 7 years contain almost daily accounts method of of the criminal, lawless and tyranni-govern bim.

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 recwith a broken jaw, crushed skull and 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 Amerany food, and how they could place ican Federation of Labor and you will lyn, says: 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 par over their subjects and drives them to asking them to boycott a certain in-it has idleness whenever they want to call a stitution. • • • Alas, this union strike or exact extra pocket money for themselves.

Men don't want to be thrown out That's only one "lesson" of these what can they do when the slugging builles. There are literally thousands and murdering committee stands aiof cases wherein your fellow Amer- ways ready to "do them" if they try The poor women and helpless chil-

suffer in silence for they have no way to right their wrongs, while the noprefer to work free from the impu- toriety-seeking leaders carry out their work These men cannot thus force oppression on the weak and innocent or starved by the score. use them to bring newspaper notice to

ets unless they can "hold them in line. Therefore, with the craft of the fox and venom of the serpent they devise He then tries to go to work. He and the "union label" and tell the public to buy only articles carrying that

label. Smooth scheme isn't it?

They extract a fee from every union man, and in order to get these monthly fees, they must hold the workers in "the union" and force nanufacturers to kick out all independent men.

Can anyone devise a more com-plete and tyrannical trust?

full sway, no independent man could keep working in a free factory, for the goods wouldn't sell no matter how perfectly they be made. Then, when the factory has been forced to close and the employes get hungry enough from tack of wages the workers must supplicate the union leaders to be "allowed" to pay their fines (for not becoming members before) and pay their monthly fees to the purse-fat managers of the Labor Trust. Thereupon (under orders) before the factory be allowed to start they must force the owners of the business to put on the "union label" or strike, picket the works and turn themselves into sluggers and criminals towards the independent workers who might still refuse to

bend the knee and bow the head. In the meantime bables and moth. ers go hungry and shoeless, but who The scheming leaders are trained to talk of the "uplifting of labor" and shed tears when they speak of the "brotherhood of man." meaning the brotherhood of the "Skinny Maddens," "Sheas," "Gompers." et al., always excluding the medium or

high-grade independent workers. Perhaps you have noticed lately that the makers of the finest hats. shoes and other articles have stopped putting on the union label. Naturally the Labor Trust managers have ordered their dupes to strike, lie idle, scrap, fight, slug and destroy properthe buying public has been aroused to the insults and oppression behind it, and in thousands of cases have re-

The bound and gagged union slave is fined from \$5.00 to \$25.00 if he brave enough to work where he pleases without asking permission on N. B. bended knees from the bulldozing method of oppression and hate to

thus brave fine and slugging to help Oh, yes, brother, when real workmen out other men who seek to live a free life under our laws and constitution cannot you, reader, help a little?

If these poor wageworkers will of certain workmen to 'organize?'

Will you reach out a hand to help an independent workman earn food ord of the "Labor Trust" under its for his wife and bables? Or will you industries, incited mobs to attack citihim to be thrown out of work and the helpless suffer until they prostrate themselves before this stupendous and tyrannical aggregation of leeches upon honest American labor?

The successor of Henry Ward Beecher in Plymouth Church, Brook-

"Union labor hatred for labor burns like a flame, eats like nitric acid, is malignant beyond all description. But the other day, a woman representing a certain union visited many families in Plymouth Church woman's hatred for non-union women

burned in her like the fires of hell." She was pitilessly, relentlessly and and over 5000 maimed, many for life. of work and lose their livelihood, but threlessly pursuing the non-union what can they do when the slugging women and men to destroy the market for goods, to ruln their factory and to starve them out.

In the French Revolution only 2 per cent. of the French people believed in violence. The 98 per cent disclaimed violence and yet the 98 per cent. allowed the 2 per cent. to fill the streets of Paris with festering corpses, to clog the Seine with dead bodies, to shut up every factory in Paris, until the laboring classes

The small per cent, element in the Labor Trust which hates and seeks to destroy the large per cent. of independent Americans sends out letters declaring "free" industries unfair and tries to boycott their products. If they could bind every one it would bring suffering upon hundreds of thousands, immeasurable ruin upon telling you. the country, and land it absolutely under control of the men now attempting to dictate the daily acts of and don't belong to labor unions. The our people and extract from each a Labor Trust has, time without num-

monthly fee. and honest, hard-working and skillto sell their labor where they choose when they choose, and for a sum they believe it to be worth.

Every citizen having the rights. privileges and protection of a citizen has also the responsibility of a citizen.

The Labor Trust leaders may snavely "request" (or order those they can) to buy only "union label" articles, and you can of course obey if you are under orders.

Depend upon it, the creatures of the Labor Trust will, upon reading this, visit stores and threaten dire results unless all the things bear "the They go so far as to have their

women pretend to buy things, order yards of silk or cloth torn off and various articles wrapped up and then discover "no label." and refuse them. That's been done hundreds of times and is but one of the petty acts of hatred and tyranny.

Let no one who reads this article understand that he or she is asked to boycott any product whether it bears "union label" or not. One has a constitutional right to examine the article and see whether its makers are Labor Trust contributors and slaves or are free and independent Ameri-

I have tried to tell you something about those who are oppressed, villfled, hated, and when opportunity offers are attacked because they prefer to retain their own independent American manhood. These men are in the vast majority and include the most skillful artisans in the known world. They have wives and babes dependent on them

These men are frequently oppressed and have no way to make their wrongs known. They are worthy of That's the reason for the expenditure of a few thousands of dollars to send this message to the American people. Remember, didn't say my "excuse" for sending it. The cause needs no "excuse."
C. W. POST,

Battle Creek, Mich.

Some "parlor socialist" who knows ere: "Lon't you believe in the right dustrial slavery, the "Union Label."

manage wisely and peacefullly, but I would challenge the right of even a church organization when its affairs had been selzed by a motley crew of heartless, vicious men who stopped from apathy and carelessness allow zens and destroy property in order to establish their control of communities and affairs, and subject every one to their orders and exact the fees When you see work of this kind being done call on or write the prosecuting officers of your district and demand procedure under the Sherman antirust law, and prosecution for conspiracy and restraint of trade. have the law, but the politicians and many of our officers even while draw ing pay from the people are afraid to enforce it in protection of our citizens, and now the big Labor Trust is moving heaven and earth to repeal the law so their nefarious work may be more safely carried on But You. Why don't you strike

out and demand defense for your fel-

Put your prosecuting officers to the test and insist that they do their sworn duty, and protest to your Congressmen and legislators against the repeal of the Sherman Anti-Trust law its repeal is being pushed by the Labor Trust and some big capital trusts in order to give each more power to oppress. Do your duty and protest. in this great American Republic every one must be jealous of the right of individual liberty and always and ever resent the attempts made to gain power for personal aggrandizement.

Only the poor fool allows his libty to be wrested from him. Some one asks "how about your

own workmen?" I didn't intend to speak of my own affairs, but so long as the question is almost sure to be asked I don't mind

The Postum workers are about s thousand strong, men and women. bers, sent "organizers" with money Tuere are bables, children, women to give "smokers," etc., and had their "orators" declaim the "brotherhood ful fathers who rely upon the protec. of man" business, and cry saity tears tion of their fellows, when they seek describing the fearful conditions of the 'slaves of capital" and all that But the "confidence game" never worked, for the decent and high grade Postum workers receive 10 per cent, over the regular wage scale They are the highest paid, richest and heat grade of working people in the State of Michigan and I believe in the United States. They mostly own their own homes, and good ones Their wages come 52 weeks in a year and are never stopped on the order of some paid agent of the Labor Trust They have savings accounts in the banks, houses of their own and steady work at high wages.

They like their dally occupation in the works (come and ask them) and are not slaves, and yet the Labor Trust leaders have done their best to ruin the sale of their products and force them into idleness and poverty

It would cost the workingmen of Battle Creek (our people and about 3000 others) from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 a month in fees to send out to the leaders of the Labor Trust, if they would allow themselves to be-"organized" and join the Trust Not for them, they keep the money,

school the children and live "free. That's some comfort for white people Once in a while one of the little books "The Road to Wellville," we put in the pkgs. of Postum, Grape-Nuts and Post Toastles, is sent back to us with a sticker pasted across in saying "Returned because it don't bear the union label "

Then we join bands and sing hymn of praise for the discovering by some one that our souls are not seared with the guilt of being conspirators to help bind the chains of slavery upon fellow Americans by placing added power in the hands of the largest, most oppressive and harmful trust the world has ever seen

When you seek to buy something took for the "union label" and speak your sentiments. That's an opportu nity to reach out a belping hand to the countless men and women in all kinds of industry who brave bricks stones and bullets, to maintain their American manhood and freedom or nothing of the Russian Czarism of the making the finest goods in America great Labor Trust will ask right and which do not bear the seal of in-