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AS TO DISHONESTY.

For some time the people of this country have heard of the dishonesty and corruption of trusts and financiera. Their methods have been investigated and laid bare, and the public have been duly horrified at the revelations made. The "pillars of society." as Ibsen used to call them have been overturned, as if by the superhuman strength of a Samson.

This is all very good, but it would be a mistake to suppose, that the full duty has been done when the search light has been thrown upon the big corporations and the rulers in the realm of finance. When this is done, it remains to look after the dishonesty that is practised on a smaller scale everywhere, broadly speaking. It is the "small foxes" that spoll the vines, It is, unfortunately, not true that rascality is the monopoly of great concerns. It is found, too frequently, in every-day business transactions. If a cleaning is to be effected, it must be carried out in detail.

If the subject is viewed in the moral light, there is no essential difference between the financier who succeeds to appropriating millions, and the more humble man of business who steals a few dollars every day from his friends and patrons, by selling them adulterated goods at exorbitant prices, or by giving them short weight, be it of butter, flour, coal, lee, or any kind of merchandise. The vendors of a commodity who go together and agree to raise the price on that commodity, in defiance of the statutes as well as the laws of supply and demand, are not any better than the speculators who manipulate stocks and ficece their fellow-men out of their hard-earned wages. They are no better, in fact, than the highwayman who at the point of the gun asks the lonely traveler to stand and deliver. It is not their fault that they are not stealing mil-Hons instead of hundreds; it is only

the lack of opportunity. If the moral awakening which some have discerned in the demand for light on the business methods of the prominent men and institutions is to bear fruit, the search light must also be brought to bear upon the affairs of every-day life. Unless honesty is willing to suffer wrong rather than to do wrong in a common business transsction, it is not worth anything. It is a shain. If it cannot withstand the temptation to take advantage of a fellow-being in trade, it should be labelled "thicf," Everyone is familiar with the difficulities of the rich to enter the kingdom, but few seem to realize the fact that even the poor man, if he makes it a practice to swindle his fellow-men and to receive more than is legitimately his, will soon have gathered a load upon his shoulders, which will prevent him from entering the narrow gate; just as effectively as the load of the camel in the parable.

CHARACTER OF THE CZAR.

The rumor that the Russian Emperor may before long abdicate the throne is said to originate from sources generally well informed, but it seems incredible. That course would corrainly be the best to pursue, provided he cannot make up his mind to grant the reasonable demands of the people and become a constitutional ruler. But it is not probable that the Czar will do either. He seems to be clinging to autocracy, as though no other form of government were possible, firmly determined to share its fate whatever that will be.

The Russian Czar is a mysterious figure. Nobedy seems to know him. He has been declared to be melaucholy, easily influenced by the women of the court, and impotent either for good or evil. But he has also been described , wa a man with a mission, an intellect the head of the art schools of the counof unlitarism in the interest of the highest Eumanitarian ideals. It canno: be dealed that during the present difficulties in Hussia, whatever his good intentions may be, he has proved himself vacilating, yielding sometimes to one side and at other times to another side of the bilter controversy,

Anyone who cares to understand the character of this unfortunate monarch must consider the influences of heredity. From his ancestors he has inher-Sted a burden of horror the weight of which is said to make the very at-His father was superstillous to a degree. It is said of him that he would cross himself, and even would fall on his knees if a cloud obscured the sun when he was looking through a win-Now, this being considered an evil His grandfather was assassinated. His great-grandfather is suppased to have committed suicide after the overwhelming disasters of the Crimean war. The Emperor Paul was murdered and Catherine II would cerfainly have been accounted a criminal. If she had not been an empress. Her bushand, Peter III, is supposed to have been murdered. Such is the family bletory of the unfortunate ruler of the Bussians, and if there is anything in

heredity, the acts of violence, bloodshed and disneter that have followed hts lineage eaunor but, to a large extent, have influenced his character. Right or wrong, the Czar has the reputation of being physically weak, and timid. Ever since the spisode at Otsu, Japan, when his life was endangered by a would-be assassin, his

Owing to an indiscreet letter, which

Crown' Prince of Greece, to his father, and which by some accident was published, it has been asserted that ever since that affair the Russians have not taken to him very kindly, because they love a ruler who can fight and drink, and whose personal courage is not in doubt. Possibly that affair at Otsu, insignificant as it appeared at the time, has very largely influenced the trend of affairs in Russia at the present time, by prejudicing the people against their lord and master.

At all events, the Czar does not seem to have the moral courage necessary to take a decisive step in any direction. Those that picture him as weak where firmness is needed, and dependent when strong individuality would be required, probably give a correct delineation of his character. If he had the courage to abdicate and leave the people free to work out their own salvation, the country would rapidly rise from its present condition of chaos to one of order and tranquility. There are great men in Russia, who are capable of directing the affairs of the empire, if they are given the opportunity.

STREET PREACHERS.

The amount of ignorance and malice occasionally displayed by some of the preachers that grace the street corners of this city in the evening, is truly astonishing. They must place a very low estimate upon the intelligence of their audiences, otherwise they would take pains of gathering some information for themselves before offering to enligten their fellow-men

Some time ago one of these luminaries seriously told his hearers that the Lord taught in the Temple, and made the point that the Temple in this city is not open even for a general conference. Anything to make an alleged point against the Church! The poor ignoramus did not seem to know that the ancient Temple itself was never opened for assemblies, and that the "Temple" in which the rabble taught was the temple-grounds, or buildings near the sacred edifice. If he had reflected on the fact that the New Testament authors say that the Master found "in the Temple" those that sold oxen and sheep, and that He drove both them and the animals "out of the Temple," (Joh. 2: 15) it might have dawned upon him that those writers called the entire Temple block, with all its buildings, "the Temple." But he did not feel the necessity of investigating, a falsehood being more servicable to him than the

Another of these preachers not long ago told his hearers that the first Christian converts in Jerusalem brought their money, amounting to millions of dollars, to the Apostles, but that these would have nothing to do with the money, but caused seven men to be elected to take charge of the distribution. Fancy, he exclaimed, Brigham Young refusing to receive money! That was intended to be the very raisin in the pudding. And it was the only one, In order to slur the memory of one of the greatest and most benevolent men ever raised up by the Almighty to perform a great mission, this little preacher fearlessly perverted the Scriptures in a most peculiar manner. The very incidents be referred to prove that the apostles received contributions and superintended their distribution; (Acts 4: 35.) that falsehood and hypocrisy in the offerings of man upon the altar of sacrifice are exceedingly grave offenses; (Acts 5: 1-10) and that when it became necessary, for the sake of the maintenance of brotherly love, to delegate the distribution of means to a part'cular class of officers, these were set apart by the Apostles, thus deriving their authority through the apostolic channel. (Acts 6: 1-7.) The very Scriptures quoted by the preacher referred to, rebuke him as a perverter "of the right ways of the Lord."

We have no objection to street preaching. But we submit that those who choose that mode of obtaining a hearing, and a living, can spend their time to better advantage than in slandering and vilifying both living and dead, and attacking religions because they are different from theirs. If they have not a message of peace and salvation to deliver, and if they have no information to impart, why do they appear at all in public? They would better find some other occupation.

A WAR FOR PURITY.

New York art students are up in arms against Mr. Anthony Comstock on account of his recent attempt to exclude from the mails certain publications of the Art Students' League, This organization, it is claimed, stands at that giant, struggling with the cvils try. Its corps of instructors contains the names of men of character and distinction. It has for years maintained the highest standard in its instruction and government. Nearly all the princiral artists of the country are its graduates. The action of Mr. Comstock is therefore regarded as outrageous, and the league had not the slightest intimation that its publication could be considered objectionable until Mr. Comstock's sudden arrest of no entirely innocent and unprotected giri employe,

Mr. Comstock has done a good work mosphere of the Russian court heavy. In the interest of morality, by watching the public display and circulation of pictures. It is therefore to be restelled if he has made a mistake that will militate against the legitimate war on objectionable prints. It may be difficult to draw the line that must separate what is proper from its opposite, but if this line is not drawn with sufficient exactness, good results will not

be attained. It should be remembered that, from an artist's point of view, the unadorned figure is the most graceful and beautiful. Drapery is a human invention, varying with the fashions, and climate, and other circumstances. What is considered beautiful by one generation is discarded as ugly by another. But the form as modeled by the Creator, is perfeet. It cannot be improved upon by man, no matter how well developed his artistic Lastract may be. Before that marterplece, the greatest artist is but an humble pupil. It should also be remembered that there is nothing immorel, or immodest, in the reproduction

Lo sugges ion beyond that. If the artist

personal courage has been in doubt. of the Fuman form, as long as there is

was written by his companion, the in his productions emphasizes

the nudity, he passes the line of propriety. But this can be done just as offens, vely in a half-dressed figure. A figure partly draped may be just as obscene as one without drapery.

Mr. Comstock is right, however, in his contention that there is a proper place for the reproductions to which ne objects, and that when they are given circulation outside of the place where they be one, the public has a right to pass upon the question of their anyone-

The Salton Sink instead of sinking keeps rising.

It is a poor business constantly to talk poverty.

Why not introduce automobiles into Leyte and run down the Pulajanes?

What use can the teamsters have for "pickets" unless it be to prod their teams?

Gerenimo is engaged in writing the history of his life. He can only tell it in red lnk.

There is one thing the Teamsters' convention does not favor, and that is the long haul.

Happy those who can fice to the mountains and be "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife."

M. Stolypin makes no pretense of putting on the velvet glove to carry out his "strenghanded policy."

The Standard Oil company has been indicted. But long is the road and hard from indictment to conviction.

The strike at Moscow is said to be "virtually" ended. In Russian "virtually" means "with a string to it." The W. C. T. U. has put the peck-

a-boo waist under the ban. But as everybody knows, a ban can easily be seen through. A new photograph of Evelyn Nesbit

Thaw has appeared in the papers. This makes the 'steenth hundredth photo of her to be published.

It is said that Senator La Follette

has Vice President Fairbanks' name

at the head of his blacklist. It must be a pretty respectable list, then, 'Why doesn't Anthony Comstock raid Purdon Clarke's joint in Central Park?" asks the New York World.

Give him time and perhaps he will. On the authority of an eastern contemporary, "the courts are weaving a net for Standard Oil." They must be expecting to catch the cans as well as the oil,

The last prediction concerning the ending of the world fixes on 1910 as the final year. Who will be President when it comes? A great many people would be glad to know.

Scarcely any punishment can be too severe for a bank president who systematically plunders his depositors. and those depositors hard-working people. Such a man is among the worst of scoundrels.

The government has decided to send throughout the country men with biographs showing scenes on American warships, so as to induce men to enlist as seamen. To clinch the inducement why not offer a chromo and your name in the Hall of Fame?

Governor Vardaman refused to accept certified checks in payment of Mississippi bonds, but demanded currency. The purchasers should have paid for them in "cart wheels" so that his excellency could have had a visible and tangible supply of cash right before him,

Maxim Gorky has much to say about his impressions of America, and the following little sketch of one side of New York life forms a sad illustration to his moralizing: "Children pick out from the garbage boxes on the curbstones pieces of rotten bread. and devour it, together with the mold and dirt, there in the street in the stinging dust and the choking air. They fight for it like little dogs. At midnight and later they are still rolling in the dust and the dirt of the street, these living rebukes to wealth, these melancholy blossoms of poverty. What sort of a fluid runs in their veins? What must be the chemical structure of the brains? Their lungs are like rags fed upon dirt; their little stomachs like the garbage boxes from which they obtain their food. What sort of men can grow up out of these children of hunger and pentry? What citizens? America, you who astound the world with your millionaires, look first to the children on the East Side, and consider the menace they hold out to you! The boast of riches when there is an East Side is a stupid boast."

THE PHILOSOPHY OF DANCING.

London Telegraph. Dancing was considered historically, philosophically and morally in a lec-ture before the International Academy of Choregraphic Authors and Masters by M. Giraudet, a high authority on the subject. He recommended the study of deportment for getting on in the world, and spoke at length of "the influences of dancing on public affairs in the reign of Napoleon I." affairs in the reign of Napoleon I."

Capt. Cook, whose name, said the lecturer, figures prominently in the golden book of choregraphy, insisted on his saliors dancing an hour or two daily, "thus preserving them in health and spirits." M. Giraudet also related, with approval, that under the first French republic the government of the convention had provided for dancing lessons to be given in all harracks. ing lessons to be given in all barracks. "to cure homesickness among the

LACKS SAGE WISDOM.

Hartford Times. If that bumptious and greedy Troy Sage's will into a badly cocked hat on the ground of undue influence had ever attempted to bring undue influence to bear on the financier, the young man would have acquired an educational experience that would make his present ntentions look as foolish to him as they do to other people.

OSLERISM OVERTURNED.

Boston Transcript The old fashioned farm workers, like he "gentlemen of the old school," are all the while growing fewer; yet there

are some left. An Orange woman of 80, with only the help of a small grand-son, picked five bushels of blueberries in as many days last week, made but-ter from six cows and did all her other housework. Her husband, who is 84, with the aid of one man, has done all his having on a hundred acre farm.

AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION.

While co-operative creameries are

Boston Transcript.

common in this country, the agricu-tural workers of the United States have so far done httle in this line to compare with some of the foreign nathat of a total of more than one mil-lion milch cows in Denmark, fully 75 per cent are owned by farmers who have an interest in Denmark's 1050 cooperative creameries. In Siberia the number of such dairies has increased from 180 in 1898 to more than 1000. Four butter trains weekly are sent over the trans-Siberian railway, startng from Ob, and picking up additional ars along the route, until they some come into Riga, St. Petersburg or Reval with 25 cars on a train, much of the butter being shipped to Eng land. In Holland the "union" is in evidence among the farmers, where a confederation of the co-operative dairies has been organized under royal patronage, some 600 local societies being comprised in the membership.

THE INFLUX OF JAPANESE.

San Francisco Chronicle.

San Francisco needs labor, but it does not need Japanese labor. On the centrary it dreads such labor for reasons which conscientious journalists will not freely discuss. The Japanese had better stay away from San Francisco and from California. And yet they come-mostly from Hawaii which is openly used as the stepping stone from Japan to California and the whole main land of the United States. The net increase of arrivals over departures at this port has been, for the San Francisco needs labor, but it partures at this port has been, for the first quarter of the year, 2.166, and for second quarter, ending June 30

A WARNING.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "The country was never so rich" just before the panic of 1857. The country has never been so rich as it So let us be conservative,

A MUSCOVITE PREDICTION.

St. Petersburg Slovo.

a short time we shall see an anti-Japanese campaign begun in England, and in the near future Great Britain will be watching the growth of Japan's power with the same unfriendly eyes with which she watched the growth of French power a hundred years are or which she watched dred years ago, or which she watched the growth of Russia's power up to the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese

JUST FOR FUN.

Of Course Not. "What are you doing in a vacation I'm thinking of making a little

"Taking the wife with you?"
"My dear boy, I said pleasure tour."

-From Figare Sweet Attraction.

"Labor like the ant," advised the wise mother.

The lazy boy sulked. Presently he rushed back in great glee.
"O, mamma!" he exclaimed, excitedly. "Can I labor like the ant right

"You certainly can, my son," replied the delighted mother, "but what prompted you so suddenly?" "Why, I just found an army of ants around your jam jars."-Chicago News.

Socrates Not in It.

A father was chiding his son for his laziness at school when the boy proested. "Socrates was a great man and wise man, wasn't he?" he asked. Certainly.'

"Well, according to my teacher I'm a still greater man than Socrates." father stared, whereupon the boy continued: "According to my teacher, Socrates was 45 years of age when he said: 'I know everything because I realize that I know nothing.' Now I'm only a boy of 15, but I've reached the same point as Socrates."

A safe bet is the one you were going to make and didn't,-Philadelphia Record.

"By the way, how did you come out with that drink cure you put in your husband's tea?" "First rate. He hasn't drank a grop since." "Of whisky?" "No, tea."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

Isaacs (recovering from operation)-"Yes he vas a greadt surgeon all righdt, but it seems to me he takes desberate chances, "Cohen—"In vat way?" Isaacs
—"Vhy, he vent right to vork on me
vidout efen taking time to look up my
standing in Pradstreet's!"—Puck. "Mr. Smith, den't you want to come

upstairs and ride on my rocking-horse?" "Why, no, Willie; what makes you ask that?" "Cause I heard papa say you were never satisfied unless you were riding your hobby, and I thought you might like mine."—Baltimore American.

Gotrox-"What are your lowest terms a son-in-law?" Count-"One million." "All right: I'll sign a check to-morrow." "And how soon shall I marry your daughter?" "On, you won't marry your daughter?" "On, you won't marry her. I'm going to hold you for a rise, and sell you to somebody clse."-Life.

You don't abuse your political enemies as reverely as you used "No," answered Senator Sorghum. is no longer safe. You can't tell nowa-days when one of your old political enenges is going to turn up in a new deal as one of your most valued friends."— Washington Star.

Jack-Will you be my wife and make me the happiest of men? Iris-I'm sorry, but I'm selfish enough want to be happy myself.-Chicago

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