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LAND SWINDLERS. Much legislation is enacted for the purpose of eliminating fraud but it is apparent from the frequent disclosures that there still exists many opportunities for taking advantage of people through misrepresentation. It is particularly true where the lack of proper caution works in combination with the carefully planned schemes to give more or less respect to the law. The frequent revelations of poor people and those of foreign birth or little education being taken advantage of by those who hold out alluring opportunities for possessing property indicate the need of more attention being given to these swindlers. The probability is that their representations have been such as to show them observing the law and giving something for money received, but that the buyers have been misled into inadvisable ventures and practically worthless purchases cannot be denied. There may be means for prosecuting such operators and there may not be. It all depends upon their representations but it is apparent that there is need for the prevention of just such methods of separating the people from their money without delivering an equivalent value. This is apparent in the selling of stocks and bonds as well as of property. The "blue sky" law has been found of value in other states. It operates as an investigator before purchase, a fact which the gullible fail to consider necessary until the trick has been played. Protection through legislation has a value which cannot be overlooked.

SENATOR ROOT'S SPEECH. One of the most important and impressive speeches which have been made during the consideration of the currency bill was that made by Senator Elihu Root. It was a statement of facts as he had them in other states. It operated as an investigator before purchase, a fact which the gullible fail to consider necessary until the trick has been played. Protection through legislation has a value which cannot be overlooked.

MRS. CATT'S PROGRAMME. When serious consideration is given to the utterance of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt to the meeting of the suffragists in Washington that "if the constitution stands in our way, let's tear it up and make a new one," it is a declaration of war. It is a declaration of war on the old and next of substituting Mrs. Catt's new one. So far we may sit quiet. Indeed, it is not observable that any such purpose inspires our people. We are reasonably well satisfied with the constitution as it stands. Better accept the placid attitude of "Speak no ill of the dead."

kindly and gently with all who do not get so near the question as we do." Mrs. Catt was apparently carried away by the zeal for her cause. Her declaration resembled however too much the words of the militant in comparison with the peaceful suffragist and the effort to carry out her intention would meet with the most serious kind of deserved opposition.

VILLA'S ACTS. What effect the protests to Carranza concerning the acts of General Villa in Chihuahua, will have is uncertain, but it is apparent that they are drawn with a reasonable ground for action. If the reports which are sent forth from that city are founded upon facts, it must be apparent to Carranza, if his cause is to be looked upon as being anything but brigandage that there must be respect paid to the foreign and the representative. General Villa has been conducting a successful campaign against the federals in the northern part of Mexico. So successful has he been that General Carranza has felt it safe to entrust his operations there to Villa as subordinate, and with apparent good judgment when it comes to fighting, but there are limits at which he must stop if he would refrain from international complications. Such acts as depriving the foreign consulates of the neutrality which is ordinarily conceded in such instances and the oppressive action against the Spaniards calls for immediate action by the United States. Such conduct backing the movement to get charge of the government of the republic to the south of the Rio Grande offers little opportunity for favorable impression. It is against recognized procedure and as the protests indicate, calls for the immediate attention and action by the leader of the rebel movement. Such acts increase the part which the constitutionalists are to play in the adjustment of Mexican affairs. It also gives Carranza the chance to demonstrate his power as leader.

DEVELOPING ALASKA. While thoughts are being turned to the development of the natural resources of Alaska it is also quite evident that equal attention must be given to the development of the people of that northern territory. While we are planning to profit from what can be gotten there, the obligations we are under to aid their educationally must not be forgotten. Such work is already showing good results there, but it must be maintained with a full realization of its need. The bureau of education of the United States is already giving much attention to the natives and no better illustration of this is offered perhaps than through the establishment of cooperative companies among the natives for their mutual benefit. Such was found necessary to protect the natives from the operations of the white traders who made enormous profits from the purchases which they made of the natives at their own figures. Until the cooperative stores were started the natives were helpless but through this system they have been taught to do their own trading, with the assistance of government representatives and the results show the benefit attached thereto. Divisions and business expansion have resulted and in many of the settlements the buying and selling are being done with considerable advantage to themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Sympathy and kind words fail to make very substantial Christmas presents. There will be lots of useless Christmas presents unless there is plenty of snow and ice. The man on the corner says: It is a dull day when someone isn't able to complain. The poisoned needle is going to become a dangerous rival of the Jersey mosquito and the detestable kissing bug.

Those who have completed their Christmas shopping have adequate time to get ready for the great feast day. With all the stir that is being made against capital punishment it is strange no more is being made in behalf of the New York lunatic. Now that Mona Lisa has had it decided for her that she not only can but will come back, it's time to prepare for the fatted calf. Western growers are holding produce for a rise in price, while the consuming public holds its breath for fear it will be necessary to stop eating. New York state has a murder case which bids fair to rival the Wakefield affair. This means plenty of work ahead for the clemency petitioners. Now that France has a brand new cabinet its chief concern should be over its adaptability to present needs and stability rather than the character of the finish. The safe and sane observance of New Year's eve can be urged in some places with all the earnestness and good sense which exist in the Fourth of July effort. Now that one of the humorous magazines has become a socialist organ there will be the opportunity to demonstrate how "many a truth may be said in jest."

Those who are preparing Christmas celebrations would do well to see that all precautions are taken against the possibility of turning joy to sadness through fire. Hans Schmidt is reported as shivering at the ghastly tale in which he was the villain, but the planning and enactment of it was insufficient to give him cold feet. With alarm in the democratic camp there will be insufficient revenue from the revised tariff must be remembered that there are still some people who are not paying an income tax. Norwich merchants have arranged for the convenience, comfort and satisfaction of the army of shoppers. There is no means of obtaining gratification like shopping at home or spending money where it will be spent.

There can be only commendation and encouragement for those organizations which are planning to make Christmas what it should be for those who for various reasons might not otherwise be able to distinguish it from other days. Facker, Conn.

THEY HAD A FIRE

"That was a terrible fire," said Mrs. Pilker when she finished reading the newspaper. "Sure thing," agreed Pilker, brightly, as he filled his pipe. "People can't be too careful," Mrs. Pilker declared as she tucked the Boston Terrier into his blanket by the register. Then she wound the clock. "My, but I'm sleepy," she said next. "I'm so glad we didn't have to go any further this evening and get a good long night's sleep."

Pilker had gone comfortably to bed with a light at his elbow and was reading a magazine when the door opened. Presently he became aware that the brush was being worked in the air and that it was the expression of a detective in the act of detecting. "Tom!" she shot at him, quivering. "Do you smell anything queer?" "No," declared Pilker after wringing his nostrils a second. He went back to his story. "You must!" Mrs. Pilker insisted, laying down the brush and raising a hand warning him to stop like smoke or something burning! "Nonsense!" said Pilker. "You're nervous after reading that article!" What could that article be? His voice trailed off and his face wore a startled expression. He sat up in bed. "I knew you'd smell smoke!" Mrs. Pilker cried, hysterically struggling into Pilker's dress coat under the impression that the fire was in the bathrobe. "Something's burning!" Mrs. Pilker arose and put on his bathrobe and his slippers. "It's strange," he said, trying to be calm. "Maybe it's the fireplace in the upstairs sitting room!" Together they investigated the sitting room. The fireplace was black and the chimney odorless. "I can smell it peculiarly over the registers!" Mrs. Pilker announced. "It must be the furnace!" "Silencing because all the upstairs windows were raised, they descended two flights of stairs to the basement. The furnace was behaving as a respectable furnace should. The property barked, there was no kindling or paper within two rods of it. "I think it's dreadfully funny!" Mrs. Pilker half whined. "Something certainly is burning!" She sniffed at the air indignantly. The basement was gloomy and chill. After a while, with suspicious backward glances at the furnace, they went upstairs. The fire was dark and undisturbed—yet pervading all was the subtle fragrance of smoldering wood. "Oh, if my rugs should burn! And how could I get all the silver out without spilling it from a sheet?" cried Mrs. Pilker, wringing her hands. "I wish you'd telephone the fire department, Tom!" "See here," said Pilker, firmly, at last. "From the odor that's out there is a fire, but there isn't any fire—so come along and go to sleep and forget it!" The lights were put out and a tense quiet reigned for fifteen minutes. Then Mrs. Pilker suddenly sat up and grabbed her husband. "I do smell smoke!" she insisted, wildly. "And you needn't pretend that you're asleep, because I know you're just as wide awake as I am! Oh, it must be inside the walls! That's why we couldn't find it! And it may smolder for hours and then when we're sound asleep—"

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Some time later he arose with a jerk. "Confound it!" he growled. "I'm so n-nervous and shaky! Oh, let's get the fire department!" Again Pilker descended to the basement and again he felt all the walls. Mrs. Pilker looked out of the rear windows to see if the neighboring houses were smoking and out of the front hand warming his feet by the fire in the street. Then they went back to bed and tried to snatch a little sleep. But all the weird noises of the city night startled and jarred them. Just as Pilker sank into the slumber of exhaustion five minutes before the morning alarm went off he was roused by Mrs. Pilker shaking him violently. She was beaming with pleasure in spite of her weariness. "I've found the fire!" she cried. "There were a lot of partly burned matches in the dish where you emptied your pipe and a spark must have lit them. They are all charred and burned clear to the ends! It's exactly the same smell!" She thrust the dish under Pilker's nose. "Thank you so much," said Pilker, as he spurred the dish. "Anyhow, a woman always gets what she goes after!"—Chicago News.

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