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Progress

BY S. N. CASTLE.

"Do the your your power."

I find this question at the head of an article in an eastern periodical. If I mistake not it is Henry George who affirms it. The writer answers it by sending a pamphlet of the Statistical Society in England, setting forth the relative financial condition of the working men in England now and half a century ago. Mr. Gladstone calls it "a masterly paper, and in form and substance the best answer to George."

The tables show an increase in wages from 42 to 100 per cent, averaging 73 per cent, with 20 per cent less of working time. They also show a large decrease in the cost of most staple articles of food, excepting meats which are higher. Rents have advanced, but the houses are more comfortable. Cotton cloth has declined 40 per cent.

The increase of wages and the large decline in the staples of food and clothing far outweigh the increase of expense in rent and meats, showing "enormous improvements in the working man's condition." So "that the laboring man has twenty-seven shillings and sixpence to spend now where he had but fifteen shillings fifty years ago, and the price of staple articles has advanced only slightly compared with the wage increase." This, on the authority of the statistical tables and applies to Great Britain. It shows progress in the condition of the large class of working men there, and investigations made by the United States Consular Department show similar improvement, to different degrees, in continental Europe and the United States.

Education, in the extent and methods has also made progress. Woman's gentle, softening, refining influence was needed to temper the Lazing barbarism and other practices of more rude and barbarous ages, from the universal college halls.

The pioneers of Oberlin built better than they knew. The first college, planted in the wilderness, to rear and dwell, fifty-two years ago, for the co-ed equal education of men and women—has grown into a great university manned with as able Presidents and professors and with fifteen hundred young men and women, the flower of the land, gathered in its halls. Its example has been followed by two hundred other chartered institutions—"more than half that claim the name of college" in the United States, and among them the Universities of Michigan, Cornell, Syracuse, Boston, and Pennsylvania, and Harvard, and Yale, in part, while the John Hopkins, has a grant for one scholarship to a female student in higher mathematics."

The London University, since 1878, has had no distinction of sex. Durham University, last year, admitted women, and in 1881 the University of Cambridge gave regular professional degrees to women. Even old Oxford the venerable home of classics and the synonim of conservatism, has opened its doors to women. So have some of the universities of Germany, Italy, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland. Dr. Horace Bushnell, one of the ablest writers of the age, confessed "with some mortification," to his prejudice against co-education in the infancy of the institution, until he saw its actual working, and learned its happy, refining influence upon both sexes, then he became its fearless advocate. Millions of dollars have been devoted by private munificence to extend the blessings of education—and States are alive to the importance of educating the great mass of the people.

This is an age of progress, this century surpasses any that have gone before, in its wonderful progression both physical, moral and spiritual. Its opening years saw the infancy of a great nation where civil and religious liberty was the law of the land; a nation whose rapid growth, in population and wealth, has no parallel in history, which has grown within a century from about five millions to nearly sixty millions of people, and its wealth has reached nearly fifty thousands of millions of dollars. More than that of any other nation, and it is more equally distributed amongst the great body of the people, who form the bone and sinew of the State, and it has been largely accumulated by the steady and intelligent industry of those who continue to hold it. This century too, has seen more inventions of utility available for the comfort of men, than any that have preceded it. Steam was first made available for purposes of navigation, upon the Hudson in 1808. New steamships and boats over the ocean, lake and sea. Railroads were brought into requisition in 1825. The electric telegraph bore its first message between Baltimore and Washington, May 27, 1844, and now every civilized country is covered with net works of railroads and telegraph lines. More than 250,000 miles of the former and as many more of the latter, tributary to the growing wants of commerce and travel. The benign influence of Christianity is becoming more and more the controlling power of communities and States. In all Christian lands Churches and Schools, and hospitals and other benevolent institutions, designed and adapted to promote human happiness, and diminish human suffering, are established, and increasing in number.

The poor are not growing poorer—notwithstanding the want that is felt at times, by large numbers, and which at times will continue to be felt in certain conditions, the condition of the poor, as a whole, is far better than it was fifty years ago, and it is constantly growing better. They get more pay for fewer hours of work—more comforts for less money. More education, and in consequence more of the mental pleasures to be derived from reading and recreation, in the time released from the diminished hours of labor, and more political consideration, and the causes which have produced the change for the better, are still in operation, and we think will continue to be for a long time to come. No doubt the co-operative principle will come in to aid this change that has been, and is going on for the better; and other ways and means, not yet thought of will be devised to aid this end.

The great benevolent associations scattered through all Christian lands, to devise means to relieve suffering and want, and help the poor to help themselves, are but to name forms of co-operation to better the condition of poor humanity, and the statistics gathered by the English and other societies, and individuals, and governments, prove how successful such efforts have been, that the poor are growing richer, in the comforts of life, in the blessings of education, and the added pleasures which may be derived from their changed circumstances.

I hope and believe that this change will continue to go on, until honest industry shall always stand its reward, that progress will continue to be the watch-word until the end is reached.

Helpful Surgery for Pianists.

The skill of a well-known physician in this city has come to the course of a number of prominent pianist and musical students in a most singular and interesting particular. The facts have just been made the subject of a paper read before the County Medical Society. Its conclusions the assistance rendered by surgical science to musicians, a very well known fact must be understood. When the middle finger and the little finger are brought down by the flexor muscles, and their ends are held down against the keys of a piano, for the purpose of producing continuous sounds, and it is necessary to extend and then flex or bend the third finger in order to produce accompanying sounds, it will be found that the third finger cannot be effectively used, after a long and constant practice, and often not then.

The reason for this stiffness is simple. The tendons of the little and middle finger are connected with the tendons of the third finger by lateral or accessory tendons, so that when the two former fingers are held down the accessory tendons hold in check the power of the muscles flexes operating upon the tension of the third finger, and thus it can be bent clumsily. Such accessory tendons are sometimes found in our hands, sometimes in the other, but usually the right hand. They are a source of serious annoyance and difficulty to musical performers.

Dr. William S. Forbes, the Demonstrator of Anatomy to Jefferson College, has performed an operation, that severed or cut off the accessory tendons from the little and middle finger. The liberation of the ring finger was complete. The ball of the finger could be elevated an inch higher than the plane of the hand, and the patient expressed his gratification at the extended and greater facility with which he could use this ring-finger on the keys of his piano. Referring to the complete success of the operation Dr. Forbes says: "I have divided these accessory tendons for the purpose of liberating the ring-finger in fourteen persons, and in nine of these the operation was performed on the tendons of both hands at one sitting. I do not think at any one of these operations half a drachm of blood was lost. In not one of these did any accident follow the operation. The issue of all of them was successful."—*Philadelphia Press.*

Sir Julius Benedict's Activity

Benedict worked very hard, slept and ate very little, and was always alert. I think he slept standing, at one leg against the wall in crowded drawing rooms, more than anywhere else. He had the faculty of carrying on long conversations when more than half asleep. He smiled patiently at whatever was said, and replied with a stereotyped intelligence; but I believe he seldom heard what you said to him in society, and he certainly never influenced by it. He used—latterly, at all events—to play his accompaniments half asleep, and nearly as well as when awake, which, to my mind, is not saying very much, for although Benedict in his better days could accompany very well when he chose, in his latter days he did not always choose, awake or asleep. He had many amiable qualities and many friends. He believed himself to be a great composer, and he was never thoroughly happy in the company of those who thought otherwise.—*London Truth.*

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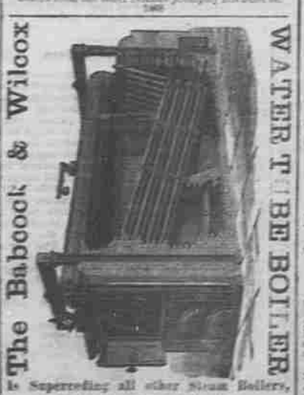
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Claims against Insurance Companies within the jurisdiction of the above Boards of Underwriters will have to be certified to by the above Agent to make them valid.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN APPOINTED Agents of the above Company, are prepared to insure risks against fire on Stone and Brick Buildings, and on Merchandise stored therein, on the most favorable terms. For particulars apply at the office of
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FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.
Cash Assets January 1st, 1884. . . $1,595,550.34
Takes Risks against Loss or Damage by Fire on Buildings, Merchandise, Machinery and Furniture on favorable terms.
A. JAEGER,
Agent for Hawaiian Islands.

The City of London Fire Insurance Co., Limited.
CAPITAL. : : : : : : $10,000,000
HAVING ESTABLISHED AN AGENCY AT Honolulu for the Hawaiian Islands, the undersigned is prepared to take risks against fire on Buildings, Merchandise, Furniture, Machinery, on the most favorable terms.
Losses Promptly Adjusted and Payable Here.
C. O. BERGER,
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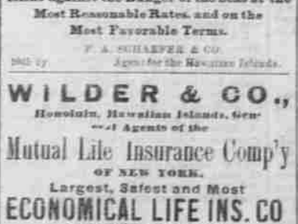

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Assets, - - - - - - $31,161,000
Claims Paid, $88,714,000
HAVE ESTABLISHED AN AGENCY IN Honolulu, for the Hawaiian Islands, and the undersigned are prepared to write risks against
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THE ABOVE INSURANCE COMPANIES have established a General Agency here, and the undersigned, General Agents, are authorized to take
Risks against the Dangers of the Seas at the Most Reasonable Rates, and on the Most Favorable Terms.
F. A. SCHAEFER & CO., General Agents.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL
Insurance Comp'ny
OF STETTIN
ESTABLISHED 1843.
Capital : : Reichsmarks 9,000,000.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING been appointed agent of the above Company for the Hawaiian Islands, is prepared to accept risks against Fire on Buildings, Furniture, Merchandise, Produce, Sugar Mills, &c., on the most favorable terms.
LOSSES PROMPTLY ADJUSTED AND PAYABLE HERE
H. HIRSCHBERG,
Sole Agent for Hawaiian Islands.

General Insurance Com'py.
For Sea, River and Land Transport
of DRESDEN.
HAVING ESTABLISHED AN Agency in Honolulu for the Hawaiian Islands, the undersigned General Agents, are authorized to take
Risks against the Danger of the Seas at the Most Reasonable Rates, and on the Most Favorable Terms.
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Soliciting Agent.

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FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANIES OF NEW ZEALAND.
CAPITAL - - - - $20,000,000
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders. Issuing Joint Policy.
Having established an agency at Honolulu, for the Hawaiian Islands, the undersigned is prepared to accept risks against Fire on Buildings, Merchandise, Furniture, Machinery, &c., on the most favorable terms.
Losses Promptly Adjusted and Payable Here!
Marine Risks on Merchandise, Freights and Treasure, at Current Rates.
C. O. BERGER,
Agent for Hawaiian Islands.

TRANS-ATLANTIC
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF HAMBURG.
Capital of the Company & Reserve, Reichsmarks 7,000,000
Gotha Fire Insurance Company, " 10,000,000
Total, Reichsmarks 17,000,000

NORTH GERMAN
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF HAMBURG.
Capital of the Company & Reserve, Reichsmarks 6,000,000
Gotha Fire Insurance Company, " 10,000,000
Total, Reichsmarks 16,000,000

THE UNDERSIGNED, GENERAL AGENTS of the above named companies for the Hawaiian Islands, are prepared to insure Buildings, Furniture, Merchandise and Produce, Machinery, &c., also Sugar and Rice Mills, and vessels in the harbor, against loss or damage by fire on the most favorable terms.
H. HACKFELD & CO