

It would have been still simpler if some U. S. naval officer had put that Mex official, who pinched the marines, over his knee and spanked him where it would do be the most good.

But if the ethics of war and diplomacy demand some fireworks along with the salute, why not touch off a bunch of firecrackers or hand Huerta a loaded cigar?

I guess international diplomacy

doesn't come to folks naturally, but has to be acquired.

But what the dickens would become of us if Huerta made a mistake and fired off twenty-three guns instead of twenty-one?

And what if the gun busted?

Anyhow and nevertheless, Hurrah for Our Side, Doggone it!

When you are ready, Huerta, you may salute.

## DO WE, AS A PEOPLE, STILL BELIEVE IN AND PUNISH WITCHCRAFT?

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If you should ask anyone if we, as a people, still believe in and punish witchcraft—if you should ask, for instance, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, who has just written an article for the Hearst papers in which he declares that the Christ would not have approved of the I. W. W.'s entering the New York church and thereby "breaking the law," he would smile and talk to you about our advanced civilization.

And perhaps the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst might believe what he was saying, simply because he has not thought deeply enough to realize that it isn't true, but that would not alter the fact that "witchcraft" is still believed in and still punished.

For "witchcraft," when you separate it from the mass of lies about which it was hedged by our ignorant, superstitious forebears who in fear-frenzies were guilty of atrocious crimes in their effort to stamp it out, was nothing but the ability of the few to see farther than the mass and the fearlessness of the few to tell what they saw.

And witchcraft of that sort exists today and it is punished today just as barbariously as it was in the time we would fain forget.

Today we do not call these people who see farther than the mass "witches," we call them "radicals." And we do not pillory them or hang them, but our representatives of the

law beat them over the heads with clubs and our judges give them terms in prison.

And for what? For the same sort of witchcraft, for telling the truth.

We have no objection to men suffering; we do not mind their going hungry; we are willing that their families should starve, and we are sufficiently charitable to throw them a crust when their misery intrudes itself upon us.

But they must be silent about it. We do not want them to cry aloud that there is such misery. For that is "radicalism." And if we permit them to cry aloud they grow more brazen and they suggest that the condition should be remedied.

And if we do not put them out of the way for this form of "witchcraft" they grow more brazen and they endeavor to alleviate their misery by taking something that belongs to us.

And that is "witchcraft" of the most deadly order.

The Rev. Dr. Parkhurst has no objection to the "radicals" entering churches, not even to their entering his church. But they must come in with their hats off, they must bend their knees as the well-fed congregation bends; they must satisfy their hunger with spiritual food, and if they mumble: "Give us this day our daily bread," they must do it with a knowledge that the prayer means "spiritual" bread and not that bread made of wheat.