

women. But I find a good many respectable girls of the middle class go to cafes and cabarets and sip two or three highballs of an evening. So I say, next let us stop the unscrupulous sale of booze as well as dope.—“Jimac.”

MARRIAGE COST. — In The Day Book of March 4 there appeared a letter written by me entitled “Marriage Cost,” which was in effect to advise the financially unfit to refrain from marriage. Mr. J. Weller in the issue of March 13, commenting thereon, says of all pseudo remedies for poverty this one is the poorest. And viewed from a standpoint of justice and human rights it is the very poorest. Then why advocate it? Because it is the only way in which the poverty-stricken can better their condition right here and now.

Mr. Weller says they should find out the cause of their lowly condition and endeavor to remove same. What good would it do the worker if he did find out the reason for his poverty by reading Henry George? The majority of low-wage men, by the fact of them being foreign born or for other causes, are voteless, and even if they were convinced that single tax was a remedy for poverty what could they do to advance it?

The worker of today is living under a system which he cannot eliminate or control, and living under that system and knowing the miseries and want thereof, is it O. K. for him to marry and multipl? I think it is not, and what justification can be offered for parents who bring children into the world amidst an atmosphere of dirt, degradation and disease?

Take a typical example of low-wage slavery, say two laborers at the same plant, each getting \$12 a week, the one single and the other married. The single man is poor, but has just enough to live on, and when he dies no one suffers and whatever evil he has done dies with him. Now look at the condition of his married broth-

er. He has a wife and say four children to clothe and feed out of his \$12. Living, as he does, in an evil-smelling city slum, his children are subnormal and lack vitality, and very seldom can he give them as much as a fighting chance in the battle of life.

If that isn't a groundhog case of a worker increasing and intensifying poverty under the present lack-of-human rights system then nothing is. And, worst of all, it perpetuates poverty, for within 14 years or so from the birth of the first child that child, too, will be lined up, hat in hand, begging for a chance to go to work so that he can rise to \$12 per, get married and reproduce more cheap labor.

Mr. Weller's inquiry as to what would have been said of Abe Lincoln and others had they tried to settle the question of slavery by advising the slaves to bear no offspring is very easily answered. Congress would have ordered Abe to be given the sanity test. The slave was simply a work animal on his owner's plantation and his master saw to it that his slaves multiplied and replenished his bankroll in much the same way as he attended to the reproduction of cows and horses.—William Burton, Apex, Mont.

WRONG SIGNAL.—In your issue of March 27 I notice a Chicagogram which reads: “If a green flag on the tail end of a train indicates that another one is coming, look innocent when you see such a flag on a baby carriage.”

Your “railroad wires are crossed.” A green flag on the rear of a train is merely a marker. It is when a pair of green flags are displayed on the front end of a train that they indicate that another is coming. Yours for accuracy.—Switchman.

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THEY SURE DO

Mamma—Don't you think our girls make a fine showing?

Papa—Well, they surely outstrip every one here.—Life.