

THE PUBLIC FORUM

NOT THROUGH THE MAILS.—

Can the writer "Oak Park" or any other reader supply information as to where Mrs. Sanger's articles on birth control can be purchased?—**W. J.**

A COAT FOR JIMMY.—I am the tailor that Jimmy is looking for, but I have not the material. I can furnish the trimmings. I also have goods for overcoat. If some gentleman can help out, Jimmie can get the best clothing he ever had. Anyway, Jimmie shall come and see me, so I can take the measure for him.—**C. Pobjecky, 646 Wells st., Top Flat.**

MIND. — I take exception to E. Sweeney's article entitled "To Understand." His claims that varied opinions on the truth or falsity of the bible is lack of mind is ridiculous. As we all have a different form of education we naturally form our opinions accordingly. Do you claim that those who fail to understand the bible from your point of view lack mind?

The bible was written in prehistoric times, during what was known as the dark ages, and has been added to from time to time by various writers. Consequently it is a book by many authors. The first issue was written in primitive times, when superstition ran riot with reason and education was in its infancy. Naturally the writers of those days had their imaginations highly developed and their practical side almost entirely neglected. The writers of those days, with their highly developed imaginations, wrote excellent fiction and nothing more.

Your remarks about a college course being more harmful than beneficial I can't dispute. The nearest I ever came to a college was a long distance view of one. You claim that no college professor can define the human mind. Perhaps not beyond a

doubt; how much do we know beyond a doubt? You write as though you do not believe mind and intellect to be identical. You make many assertions without giving any reasons, so I am going to submit some questions, to which I would appreciate an answer. What do you mean by lack of mind? How do you separate mind from intellect? You assert you can prove that a college course curtails or destroys the mind. Shoot away. Your pen must have slipped when you said no kings ever had a mind. You evidently meant parrots. You claim manual laborers have more mind than college professors. Sure, their's is heavier and holds them down.—**M. Rasmussen.**

AGAINST PREPAREDNESS. —

Why should we lose our balance and permit ourselves to be thrown into a panic by jingo politicians and munition makers? What hypnotic spell is being thrown around us that we, who have so earnestly condemned the militarism that is ruining Germany and drenching all Europe in blood, should take on the same spirit of militarism and burden ourselves with that weight of taxes and conscription which has encumbered and paralyzed all Europe for more than fifty years, leading to the very calamity against which it pretended to guard itself?

"Billions for defense" is our war cry. Against what? Are not our taxes high enough to suit all concerned? Has the farmer any more money to pay for taxes and increased help in competition with recruiting agencies of the army and navy? Will his sons be better off strutting around in a military or naval uniform than in riding a reaper or steering a plow or teaching a country school?

Militarism creates national hatred instead of friendly mutuality. It maims and kills as frenzied fighters the young and strong and leaves the old and incompetent in its wake. "War awards its victories on the ba-