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In the United States the rate of mortality to railway employees during a year is 1 for every 306 employed. In Germany it is 1 for every 750 and in Austria 1 for every 1,067. Human life is held twice as cheap here by the railways as in Germany and three times as cheap as in Austria. In injuries not fatal the comparison is still more humiliating to this country. In the United States 1 in 33 is injured, in Germany 1 in 169 and in Austria 1 in 292.—Minneapolis Times.

Why Prosperity is not Secure. There is altogether too much reason to believe that both organized labor and organized capital have been pushing prosperity to the limit, and that both of them have got to cooperate in bringing affairs to a more substantial if less spectacular basis. They have been the chief sinners in bringing the country into the condition of apprehension now only too manifest. For the country ought not merely to be prosperous, but to feel secure in its prosperity. Capital and labor—or, more accurately, some capitalist and some labor leader—have been demanding more and more if, as a result, business is shut down and there is talk of curtailment everywhere, that is a lesson that moderation is essential to the sustenance of prosperity.—New Bedford Standard.

A political party whose principal stock in trade is the granting of special favors to a comparatively few men in consideration of generous donations to the campaign funds, is not likely to be very greatly disturbed by qualms of conscience over the astounding number ofascalities now uppermost in the public mind. The old party of high moral "ideas" among its leaders may importunate members who waive these speculations as to the morality of the habit of having things very nearly their own way. For instance, Uncle Hanna told the Ohio voters at the last election if they defeated him prosperity would be at an end. And the voters apparently believed it, for they went to the polls like obedient imbeciles and whooped it up for Ohio fashion.—Let not Mr. Gorman nor any other democrat, place too great confidence in a repudiation of the republican party on account of itsascalities. A political party which owes its continued existence to the successful promulgation of huge public grafts is not likely to suffer to any great extent from those who look upon things done by a government as proper, which if done by an individual, would be considered criminal. Barnum, the great showman, had the American people down about right when he proceeded to make a fortune upon the theory that they like to be humbugged and bewildered.—Marion Sentinel.

The War-Making Power. Among the powers which the constitution reserves to congress alone is the power to wage war in the name and by the authority of the nation. At this moment the government of the United States is at war. Congress has had no part in the transaction culminating in usurpation of the war-making power by the executive.

Despite a general and generous belief that Mr. Roosevelt would subordinate his conduct to the supreme law notwithstanding his temperamental defects, it is no longer possible to hold that the constitution restrains Mr. Roosevelt's ambition to be elected president.

It would do him injustice to assume that he was unaware that in abrogating the treaty of 1846 with Colombia he did not know that he was running a war risk. It is due to his intelligence to concede that he was conscious of the risk and prepared to take it. He has taken it.

This country is now at war. It has invaded another sovereignty. American marines are encamped within the boundaries of Colombia and the administration is preparing to land troops as rapidly as circumstances will permit. That Colombia will submit without resistance is not to be expected.

Meanwhile it is prudent for the people, without reference to parties, to remember that Mr. Roosevelt's course is absolutely without excuse. The administration connived at the mutilation of Colombia. The executive had been instructed by congress to seek another canal route if that at Panama should be unattainable on satisfactory terms. Instead of observing the law Mr. Roosevelt seized the Panama route. Now in order to keep the stolen goods he has violated the constitution and precipitated war.

This is in brief the story, a story fraught with shame indelible and with future dangers beyond conjecture. Mr. Roosevelt has, in fact, made himself a dictator superior to the laws and the constitution.—Chicago Chronicle.

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LETTER WRITING.

Its Decline as an Art Caused by the Modern Newspaper.

The wonderful development of the newspaper may be looked upon as a very potent factor in the decline of letter writing as an art. The letter no longer can be regarded as primarily the carrier of news. The expression of one's opinion about great contemporary events is indeed still left to the letter, but how much of an incentive to friendly correspondence is lost by the fact that every part of the world knows of important happenings almost simultaneously is not to be lightly estimated, says Gunton's Magazine.

The Delights of Nudity. I cling to that perhaps fanciful theory that the primitive instinct of man is altogether lost. It is modest, amplified, retained; that is all. With all our culture we are barbarians still. Man is a clothed savage. And now and again he delights in doffing the clothing and returning heartily to savagery.

Speaking and Stopping. The knowledge of when to sit down is invaluable to public speakers and to their audiences. Perhaps the best plan is to secure a candid friend who will pull you down by your coat tails. A man "on his legs" is one with whom time gallops; he has spoken for half an hour, and to him it seems but five minutes.

Discontent With Work. That there is much discontent with work among the so-called middle class is a matter of common knowledge.

Smoking in Banks. In every bank in New York there is a rule against smoking, and it is doubtful if any depositor or visitor ever saw a coil of tobacco smoke sitting through the atmosphere in the big counting houses—that is, no visitor who is excluded from the building promptly when the bank closes. But if the curious could squeeze their way through those closed portals in the afternoon they would be treated to a very different sight.

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MEXICAN HOUSES.

Little Wood Used in Them, and They Are Practically Fireproof.

There is a minimum of wood used for house construction in the cities of Mexico, and there is absolutely nothing to burn except what furnishings the houses may contain. The walls are solidly built of stone and brick or in the less costly structures of adobe, which are thickly plastered inside and out with mortar or stucco. The floors are of brick, stone or tile. The roofs are of brick laid in masonry or in some cities of semicircular clay tiles. Many roofs are arched with brick laid flat, not on edge, and it is marvelous how slight a curve some of these arches have. Yet they support heavy weights and have lasted through centuries.

Flat roofs are supported by 6 by 6 inch heavy pine joists placed eight inches apart. These joists are often twenty feet in length. The doors are heavy, hanging upon ornamental wrought strap hinges and secured by strong, handmade locks, which have remarkably large complicated keys. Practically the only wood used in construction is for the doors and joists which support the roof. The church roofs are invariably of brick arches, usually several arches in each. There are no such things as fireproof safes in Mexico as those of French and American makes or the frail dwellings of China or the universal wooden structures which have made fire insurance so great a burden in the United States and which cause so great and continuous expenditures for fire protection.—Architectural.

Blind Swimmers Struggle. It is a standing puzzle that all blind swimmers are unable to hold an almost perfectly straight course for very considerable distances, though no more guidance is given to them than some speeles of call or whistle coming from the winning goal. A blind man, in fact, desiring to go in a straight line across a field, is never able to do so unless exactly. A provincial mayor instituted a series of contests in an open lake between blind men and ordinary ones of about equal strength, and the result was marvelous so far as the straight swimming of the blind was concerned.—London Chronicle.

Moths and Butterflies. Butterflies are active the day and fold their wings together when they settle. Their antennae end in clubs. The fore and hind wings never hook together. The chrysalis is angular and not enclosed in a cocoon or silken case. Moths, on the other hand, are usually active in the dusk or at night and do not fold their wings together on settling. The feelers are very various in shape, but rarely clubbed. The fore and hind wings are generally fastened together by a "hook and eye" arrangement. The chrysalis is not angular and is enclosed in some sort of case or cocoon.

Durable Whitewash. A very durable whitewash that will stand nearly as well as paint is made as follows: Slake a bushel of lime with boiling water and thin slightly with cold water to make a good whitewash; dissolve a pint of white vitriol sulphate of zinc in boiling water, only enough to thoroughly dissolve it; also a quart of fine salt. The bushel of lime will weigh about seventy pounds, and by keeping the above proportions a greater or less amount can be made.

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