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Here is a letter from Mr. R. Bartholomew, Jr., Mt. Torrens, So. Australia. He also sends his photograph.

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Cheerful Talk Needed To Help the Town.

Editor Advertiser: Please pardon a stranger for presuming to offer advice to a community, but the question that seems to be of the most moment to the people of Honolulu at the present time is, how are we to increase the population and business of the Islands? So far there seems to be no answer offered. Now I do not wish to butt in, and if these few suggestions are of no value, they at least will do no harm:

I note in the Sunday Advertiser a little sum in arithmetic from the Bystander. "If we let 100 Portuguese families leave, who are worth \$7500 per month to the merchants, and pay \$1000 per month to get tourists who will in turn spend \$4000 per month in town, how far will the difference between the \$7500 per month we have lost and the \$3000 per month we have netted from the tourists, go toward restoring prosperity?"

It does not require the gift of second sight to see that the ultimate result of such conditions would be bankruptcy, but is there not a way to overcome this condition? As an illustration, if there was a stream of water to cross, and it was too deep to be forded, would you sit down and lament or would you rather seek some other method of getting across? I think you would. Now the present situation is like crossing a deep stream, inasmuch as you cannot ford it as it stands, and the only way that I, (an outsider), can see is to correct some of the causes that are responsible for the present conditions. From my point of view I contend that the people of Honolulu, and most particularly the business men, are to blame largely for present conditions, for this reason: It is a well known fact that no one will invest money in what promises to be a losing venture, and that is where the business men are to blame, for there is nothing heard in town regarding business but hard luck stories. When a stranger comes to Honolulu and asks about how business is, he gets but one answer, "Hard times." I myself heard that cry on the steamer on my way down here, and have heard nothing else since I have been in the Islands. Not a single merchant that I have talked to but says the same. Now is that a way to stimulate business? Is it not a fact that when one hears nothing but depression he soon begins to feel it too? Does it stand to reason, if an intending settler comes here and everyone tells him that the country is going to the dogs and that there is no money, or a chance to make interest on an investment, that he will invest good money to lose it?

The mistake to my mind is here. If the merchants and all other business men would get together, and have an understanding that they would stop this hard times cry entirely, keep a cheerful face, and answer everybody's question that times are all right and getting better all the time, there would soon be a better feeling. The home people would cheer up and the intending settler would feel more like investing. The reason that so many of the young men are leaving here is because from constantly hearing of nothing but woe and poverty they naturally seek to go where times are better. It is natural if you are happy and cheerful your company is sought, but if you are peevish and cross all the time you are shunned by all, for everybody seeks

sunshine, not clouds. It calls to mind the old but truthful verse:
"Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep and you weep alone,
For this rugged old Earth must borrow
its mirth,
But has troubles enough of its own."

There is no doubt that there is a dearth of money here compared with what there was in boom times, but that is the history of all cities where they have had booms. After the collapse, the difference is so great that it is felt more, but let us look at the situation as it really is, not as it seems. The most of the trade here for the merchants is from the people that labor in various capacities, and such a thing as hard times to the man who is drawing a salary does not exist. He gets his salary regularly and it is no concern of his if the banker or the merchant is, or is not, making any money, and he will spend his money if he is not frightened with the fear of not being able to make more. If the tradesmen would not scare him by telling him all the time how bad the times were he would spend his money and not be wanting to go somewhere else. It is not the best thing in the world to tell the public all the conditions in your private office, and it is not any concern of theirs. If a bank shows weakness the people will at once lose confidence in it and make such demands on it that it will be forced to suspend, when if it had kept a bold front and held the confidence of the depositors it would be able to tide over temporary difficulties and thereby have saved its name and credit. In my opinion that will work the same way with a community; at least it would be worth trying as it will cost nothing to try, and will surely do no harm.

I do not wish to bore you with my views too much. If there is anything that I have said that is worthy of consideration, I am pleased; if not, let the whole be consigned to the tomb of the spring poems, the somber depths of the waste basket. Yours very truly,
A. WELL WISHER.

COLLECTING TRANSFERS.

"Transfer, please," said a passenger on a Broadway car.
"Where to?" asked the conductor.
"I don't care," answered the man. "Any old place. I'm not going to use it anyhow."

"Collectin' 'em?" inquired the conductor, and the passenger nodded.
It wasn't a rush hour and the conductor had time to talk. "That's the newest freak," he explained to the man on the back platform. "Collecting transfers. I suppose about once a week some chap tackles me for a transfer to add to his collection. Of course we don't hear that part of it officially. We've got to give transfers when they're asked for, and what's done with them is none of our business."

"A man who travels with me quite often showed me the other day a collection of nearly 400 transfers that he'd gathered. They represented about every city in the country of more than 10,000 population. This man said he'd picked them up on his own travels, through friends in various places, and even by writing to the street railways direct for them."

"All transfers are patterned on the same general style nowadays. That is, they are marked off into little sections containing the transfer points: the hours and minutes, for the time limit, the dates and so on. The conductor punches one of each of the sections."

"Out in Salt Lake they still use a system that used to be followed on the Jersey City trolleys, but was given up several years ago. On the transfer are printed a lot of little pictures of men and women and children. There is a man with a smooth face; a man with a mustache and a man with a full beard; a young woman and an old woman; a boy and a girl. The conductor punches the picture that most nearly resembles the person to whom the transfer is issued. The system never became popular. For one thing, women didn't like it. It was a pretty old lady who didn't get huffy if the young woman's face wasn't punched for her."

"In Kansas City they are particular whether you are going to transfer north, east, south or west, so there is printed on the transfers a compass showing these four points, and the direction you are going is punched out."—N. Y. Sun.

CHARLEY'S AUNT PROMISES LAUGHTER

A full stage rehearsal of Charley's Aunt was held last evening with very gratifying results as far as the first two acts are concerned. The play goes very smoothly and the points are well brought out. Paymaster Brown and C. A. Mackintosh, as the two college chums, are excellent, with the help of the ladies, Miss Fisher and Mrs. Boyd, while the complications between Miss Hall as the peal and Allan Dunn as the masquerading aunt, are irresistibly comic.

The seat sale, is now open at Wall, Nicolls' and the prospect of a hearty evening's entertainment after the long dearth of amusement will doubtless fill the house. The play itself is of the character that will emphatically suit Honoluluans, requiring no physical or mental stress to follow and presenting a series of entertaining situations that will bring a hearty laugh.

Special pains are being taken with the mounting of the piece, while the costuming will be thoroughly consistent and up-to-date. Waits between acts will be short and made agreeable by the playing of Kaai's special orchestra. The last curtain will fall by 10:30.

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ATTACKS OF COLIC, cholera morbus, pains in the stomach, dysentery and diarrhoea come on suddenly and so often prove fatal before a physician can be summoned, that a reliable remedy should always be kept at hand. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has no equal as a cure for these ailments. It never fails to give prompt relief even in the most severe cases. It is pleasant to take and every household should have a bottle at hand. Get it today. It may save a life. For sale by all Dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

A necromancer could have no more idea than the man in the moon as to what particular package it rolled out of, and if he had and should tell the postal clerk, the clerk wouldn't dare try to restore the coin to the original package. That would be too easy altogether.

No, it is a lost nickel from the moment the clerk has to see it spinning there before his eyes; and according to the tender governmental conscience the clerk has to get ready for the inauguration of about \$18.43 worth of fuss over it.

For himself he doesn't dare to go to bed for a short nap until he has got rid of his five cents' worth of responsibility to the government for the action of the fool person from whom the nickel was parted. He digs up his printed form for such occasions printed and provided, and at once fills out a long blank, describing the coin, telling the circumstances of its being found and whether it landed heads or tails on the table, naming the pouch from which it was emptied, and number of the train carrying it, the date, and a few other little details of any one of which in hot weather would have cost a mug of beer.

This report, with the nickel, goes to the headquarters of the postal division in which the car was operated, and from these bonded officials, by the same general red tape route, the small coin finds its way to the seat of national government and to the fund representing the great constituency of the postoffice department, which persists in sending money in envelopes through the unregistered mails of the service.—Chicago Tribune.

LOST COINS IN THE MAIL.

Ordinarily no man is rich enough to escape that certain sense of elation which comes from picking up a nickel on a sidewalk; but when a railway postal clerk finds such a coin in a mail pouch where it has worked out from insufficient wrappings, not only does he miss this elation, but it may provoke profanity.

For a nickel lost in a pouch of mail in transit becomes a matter for national concern. It comes to view, perhaps, just as a pouch of mail is emptied upon the sorting table, and when it has broken away from the bunch of letters and cards and circulars, rolled to an open space on the table, and there settled down, heads or tails, with a noisy spinning dance, the clerk who first sees it is "it."

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