copies, I could no longer doubt that

Sir Mortimer had stooped to the tak-

"And these documents are word for

word copies of those in the safe?" I

"I swear it by every oath I hold sa-

She stretched out her hand for the

For a moment she struggled to res-

cue them from my grasp. When she saw that it was too late, she laughed

boisterously-a laughter that showed

at once contempt, defiance and tri-

dersively. "You take your precau-

tions. You are desperate. Protest as

you will, you are convinced of Sir Mor-

me," I said indifferently. "But be sure

"No; you are so brave that you

leave a helpless girl to bear the dis-

grace of her dead brother, when by a

word you might save her the suffer-

ing. Your pretended honor is so pre-

clous to you that you scorn to aid the

"Silence, woman!" I cried passion-

ately. "Do you think I am convinced

of Sir Mortimer's guilt because of

these flimsy typewritten copies? You

must let me see the papers in the

"If you are desperate enough to de-

stroy a copy, I should scarcely trust

you with the original. For the last

time, must the woman you love know

of her brother's disgrace? I am in

your power; perhaps you hope that I

"I should have resorted to that

shall be coaxed into opening the safe.

measure long ago had I thought it

would prove effectual. It seems that

there is again a deadlock between us.

I refuse absolutely, not only to help

you, but to believe that Sir Mortimer

Helena Brett, even she must believe

the evidence of her eyes. Shall I call

her and ask her if she recognizes her

brother's handwriting? If you believe

so strongly as you profess that Sir

Mortimer was innocent of wrong-do-

"I would spare her even the thought

"That is impossible. She shall see

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil

thereof," I quoted flippantly; but I

began to think it inevitable that

"Again we must compromise it ap-

pears. I will call Sir Mortimer's sister

here. She shall see the papers-de-

cide for herself and for you whether

they are genuine. You see, I am

strong enough to prevent a woman

from destroying the originals as you

even that she herself believes them genuine? What then?"

haps she will refuse to ask you to do

what I wish. Perhaps she will offer

to you happiness if you consent. Sho

shall be the one to decide. You pro-

fess to believe that Sir Mortimer is

innocent. More than that, you think

her soul so white that she will refuse,

even if she believes her brother guilty;

to rescue his memory from dishonor

She had put into words my own

"We will let her decide," I said

CHAPTER XXVII.

The Two Women.

mands to my servant through the

closed door?" asked Madame de Var-

I unlocked the door of the staircase

"Has Miss Brett come to the cha-

teau as I wished?" Madame de Var-

nier spoke naturally through the half-

opened door, not betraying my pres-

"She is waiting in the music room,

"I shall do as madam wishes. But

his American, this man we called his

Excellency-he surprised me just now

"He came here to keep an appointment with me," Madame de Varnier

eplied composedly, cutting short his

Alphonse sighed his relief, and de-

"What inducement can you have of-

Serod that she should come boldly to this Castle of Despair?"

"Is not the inducement great that

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she is to see a loved brother?"

-has he intruded on madam or-

in silence, taking the precaution, how-

ever, of not admitting Alphonse.

"And am I again to shout my com-

with dishoner."

nier ironically.

ence behind it

agitated whisper.

"Ah, that is well."

arted on his errand.

"Bring her here."

nadam.

thought

quietly.

'It will be for her to decide. Per-

"Say

those papers-if not to-day, to-morrow,

the next day; it makes little difference

ing, you will not refuse that."

Helena Brett be summoned.

have destroyed the copies."

"And when she has seen the pers?" I asked thoughtfully.

of its possibility," I said sternly.

Or are you about to compel me?"

is guilty."

woman whom you love.'

of this, you will find I am not coward

"Bravo!" She clapped her hands

papers. I tore them to atoms before

cred!" she replied without hesitation,

ing of bribes.

demanded gloomily.

about her neck.

her eyes.

timer's guilt."

stroyed."

safe, M. Coward."

of blackmail."

CHAPTER XXVI.

Incriminating Dispatches. She had been arranging the papers

deftly in some sort of order. "You read French, I think? The letter of Ferdinand is in that language; Sir Mortimer's notes and answers are, of course, in English."

I drew toward me the first of the papers she indicated.

You are nothing if not modern in your methods," I scoffed, glancing down the page. "Your safes and typewriters bring back to me the assoclations of my banking business. And a banker, let me warn you, scans the signature of a draft carefully before he cashes it."

The typewriter is an amusing little instrument," she yawned, "and I am proud of my success in mastering it. As for the safe, if you have been a banker, you know that the combination is carefully guarded, M. Coward." It gave her the cruelest delight to

taunt me with the shameful word. During the next half hour she insulted me so at least half a dozen times. I bent my attention on the paper before me I translate roughly Ferdinand's let-

"(Strictly confidential.)

'Hotel du Rhin. "Place Vendome, Paris, "May 23.

Ty Dear Sir Mortimer:

"I expect to start for Sofia via Vienma and Budapest in about a week; I trust I shall see you at the Palace shortly after my arrival. Meanwhile let me urge on you once more that you exert without further delay your great influence with your Foreign Office, that your ministers may be convinced that the crisis has come-the opportunity we have so long awaited. Now or never I must lead my army to the succor of the distressed people of Macedonia. I think that the profound knowledge you have always shown of affairs in the Balkan Peninsula must make you realize the truth of this statement. It is useless for me to repeat my arguments. For what you have done I thank you. But it is not to the diplomatist i am now speaking, but to the man. I have written this letter with my own hand, for reasons that you will understand.

"Believe me, my dear Sir Mortimer, "Faithfully yours, "Ferdinand."

"I see nothing incriminating in this letter," I said, "nor anything out of the usual run of letters.

You will notice on the back of the letter this brief statement: 'Answered, June 3d, M. B.' As to the answer of the letter it is equally innocent. It is simply the guarded reply of a diplomatist dealing with a delicate topic. In these typewritten copies this letter and its answer are meaningless. The originals are simply useful to prove the authenticity of Sir Mortimer's

I scanned the answer. It was not an exact copy, but the substance of Sir Mortimer's letter jotted down to refresh his memory;

"I replied in substance as follows: Ir was useless to bring up the matter again; my personal wishes would not be sufficient to change the programme of the Foreign Office; at present I did not see my way clear to advocate as a diplomatist England's espousal of this cause; I would continue to lay the matter before the Foreign Office; more than that, when events justified the act, I would see that such influence as I possessed was exerted in the manner Prince Ferdinanl wished; but at present I could offer no encouragement.

(Note concerning the above, also in

Sir Mortimer's handwriting.) "This reply will put an end, I think, to further correspondence in that quarter. Certainly, the hopes of the nation seem so radically devirgent from those of the ruler that I can favor one only at the expense of the other. Naturally, I prefer to favor the party that promises the most for my own inter-

"I told you that the originals are particularly useful to identify handwriting and signature of Sir Mortimer. But observe, monsieur, the expression: 'Naturally, I prefer to favor the party that promises the most for my own interests.' That sentence is to be remembered when you read the

other letters. It has its significance." Again she stretched out her hand to receive the papers I had read. I did not relinquish them, however. I laid them carelessly on my knee as if to refer to them later.

"That remains to be proved," I said grimly. "The expression seems simple enough to me; on the face of it it would mean simply that Sir Morti-

'We shall see," she returned with confidence. "The papers of the second envelope, which I have called Documents B, are all in English. The writer was evidently an educated Bul- must be favorable to this party, if he little evil that good may come." gar of the official class; many this is not actually one of the committee.

closs are trained at Roberts College, I warned you last night that there was and sneak and write English fluently." treachery in the car

Another Lesson from Nature.

"Young gentlemen," lectured the eminent instructor, "you are old enough now to put away the childish and trivial amusements that sufficed for you when you were younger. Learn a son from the dumb brutes, and even from the reptiles. When they arrive at maturity they comport themselves with a certain dignity

"It isn't so with the rattlesnake, professor," objected the young man with "The older he grows the bad eye. the more rattles he plays with."

Sofia, Headquarters of the Society of Freedom

To His Excellency Sir Mortimer Consul General to His Britannic Majesty at the Court of Sofia:

not added thereto. Surely your Excellency understands that the dictates I am tempted." of prudence make it inevitable that it is sent to you anonymously.

with our grelvances. Our present my own ambitions at her expense"ruler cannot and will not be longer the British Foreign Office, however, does not realize the extent of Prince Ferdinand's unpopularity. Even if do they feel no concern that he is the tool of Russia?

"He has asked Russia repeatedly he receive that title. His vanity is such that he would sacrifice the freedom of his people to be on equal terms with the sovereigns of Serviz and vague promise meant. Roumania.

"Once more, perhaps for the last time, we petition your Excellency to exert the extraordinary influence your Excellency possesses, that the English | clear: The people of Bulgaria pledge

"If Dr. Starva has proved to be a had hugged to his breast. I had hoped traitor to the cause he will receive his against hope. But if they were true punishment. The memorandum of Sir Mortimer's reply to the letter you have just read is pinned on the back of the sheet. Read It," she commanded "It is a perplexing dilemma that has

onfronted me. To keep my honor as minister intact, and yet not to sac ffice my own personal hopes. I think and kissed the jeweled cross that hung his is the first temptation of my dipomatic career. I have fulfilled my diplomatic duties hitherto as a mathat neither thinks nor feels. Now I find that I am human; that I am a man, with a man's weaknesses. say I am tempted. I believe that lofty principles actuate Bulgaria That, say to myself, is my excuse. But lofty principles are not sufficient. I umph. Brett, Minister plenipotentiary and disguised my true feeling in answering this letter by vague objections. I confessed my self in sympathy with "Sir: We of the Society of Freedom | Bulgaria's cause; but I protested that wait patiently and anxiously for your more potent arguments must be used Excellency's answer to our humble to convince me. The interests of petition. We trust your Excellency England are my own; but if it could does not ignore this petition because, be done without too great a risk, I bethe signatures of the petitioners are lieve, God help me, I would further my own ambitions at her expense. I say

"I say I am tempted," "If it could be done without too great risk, I be-"Your Excellency must be familiar lieve, God help me, I would further such expressions were hideously sigtolerated by his subjects. We fear nificant. But I met calmly the malevolent triumph of Madame de Varnier.

"When you read the next letter," she said, watching me closely, "you your ministers care nothing for that, will understand the meaning of the expression, 'There are other means of rewarding friendship besides empty words of gratitude.' Even so stanch an that he be recognized a King, and that advocate of Sir Mortimer's honor as yourself must realize that in the words you have just read, he was endeavoring to discover just what that

I received the next letter in silence.

"To His Excellency, etc.: "Our answer to your Excellency" kind letter wishes to make this fac Minister be advised in time. The gov- their word, through this committee,



I Tore Them to Atoms Before Her Eyes.

ernment of Prince Ferdinand must | that if England gives to the insurgent There shall be none, we swear it if England will support the insurgent land to Bulgaria shall be similar to party. But in any case Bulgaria must be free.

'We do not ask for the active aid of England. We beg that England shall not interfere with the ambitions of the people.

"Your Excellency shall have no reathere are other means of rewarding mand." friendship besides empty words of gratitude. Let your Excellency once above letter.) assure us of you intention to support our cause, and we shall make this more clear.

Your Excellency knows the manner in which your answer may be conveyed to this society.

"With profound expressions of re spect, we submit ourselves,

The Committee of the Society of Freedom.' I placed this letter on my knee with

the others I had read. "This Society of Freedom, is it concerned with the trick of the death-

mask stamp?" "I fear so," she answered in a low voice

for you that Dr. Starva received a let- been indiscreet. If I have consulted ter with one of those stamps on the envelope last night? These stamps my own plans, I feel that I am justified mer's interests were identical with through the mail only because certain of the postal authorities were in sympathy with the revolutionaries. Letters with these stamps, it is safe to ter, and discover the extent of my in infer, would be sent only to those who are equally in sympathy. Dr. Starva

Treasure Hoarded in India.

All the world knows that gold, silver and gems are constantly disappearing in India to swell the hidden stores of the people. What no one knows is the stance, well perfumed with oil of rhoaccumulated amount. The late Dun-dium into a trap. This induces them ning MacLeod estimated that there might be \$1,500,000,000 in hidden gold from a considerable distance, as they alone. Of silver there may be even more in proportion, as the silver rupee has long been the common money current in India. Of hidden gems no one has ever been bold enough to estimate the value

WANT ADS BRING BIG RESULTS WANT ADS BRING BIG RESULTS ing "New Music."

fall. We do not desire bloodshed, party is support in overthrowing the rule of Ferdinand, the relation of Engthat which exists between Egypt and England.

"The Society of Freedom is fully aware that your Excellency's inconvenience and labor must be recom-The sum of £20,000 is alpensed. ready placed in the Ottoman bank, on to regret being our friend. And payable to your Excellency on de-

(Note by Sir Mortimer pinned to the

"To this I replied that the sum mentioned was too ludicrously small to be onsidered. Only the most substantial guarantee could justify me in taking the risks involved." (Third letter to Sir Mortimer from

the society.)

To His Excellency, Etc.: "The sum of £50,000 has been

placed in the Ottoman bank to your Excellency's account. The society trusts that this sum will be sufficient to justify the risks. Will your Excellency give his answer without delay (Note by Sir Mortimer pinned to the above letter.)

"I have taken the step. It is too late "Then has the fact no significance to ask myself now whether I have my own wishes, if I have furthered morally. I am helping an oppressed people gain their liberty. My own recompense is meager enough. If the Foreign Office should probe the mat discretion, my diplomatic career will be ended. But I am content to do a

I crushed the paper in my hand,! sick at heart. I shuddered at the

quire water? The best way to catch these rodents is to put any animal subto enter readily, and even draws them are extremely partial to this oil. An ounce of oil of rhodium will cost you 50 cents. Catnip to a cat is nothing like rhodium to a rat. Oll of rhodium

Catching Rats.

Do rats drink water? Do they reis made from a species of bindweed, and is used in perfumery.

The Real and the Unreal. An acre in Middlesex is worth a principality in Utopia -- Macaulay.

Righteously Indignant. Jenks-The boss told me this morning that I looked as if I had gone to bed with my clothes on. I told him pretty sharply that he was mistaken. Clark-Oh, come, now; you know

you did it. Jenks-I did not! These are my brother's clothes.-Catholic Standard and Times.

New Music. A Virginia newspaper puts its announcements of births under the headAmerican de la more la mentable if

## EMPERANCE DEPARTMENT

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

PROHIBITION PETITIONS

While some of the people who drink, a few of the people who are afraid and all of the people who sell it or are otherwise engaged in the traffic, are not signing petitions for prehibition, over 6,000 voters of this county have signed such petitions and the city of Ogden has not been thoroughly canassed, either, except a few blocks in each precinct

"You are mistaken," I replied coolly. "But even if these papers are true It is a long and laborious way of takcopies of genuine documents, it is as ing a straw vote on any squestion.
So far as known no one who circulatwell that even the copies be destroyed. If they are forgeries, and you have yet ed petitions in Ogden received a cent for their labor. It was purely a volto prove to me they are not, they are unteer movement, and the reception of those petitions by the people was laspiring. The exclamation was often dangerous toys, and so better de-"Another copy is easily made, so heard, especially from the lips of womlong as I have the combination of my en, Indeed, I will sign it. I would sign it a hundred times if that would "You ere never weary of insulting

enough to yield weakly to your scheme support solely from the people who refused to sign the petitions when given a chance, and such a support

would fail to elect a man to any office. These petitions were signed by peo-There is no excitement incident to petition signing so there is no reason why any of these people should later

As for illicit selling at drug stores. etc., there could not be much more of that done than there is right now.

"If I show the papers in the safe to start out to get other names.

EASY ENOUGH

dealers to send a good sized petition to the legislature against prohibition. They have only to lay said petition on bar and ask every tramp, hobo and drunkard to sign it. The

ers" will no doubt sign several times. There is a large "fund," also to draw on for expense money in trying to defeat legislation. Some of this will no doubt go to the circulators of petitions against prohibition. The friends of prohibition are working without any such money inducement. It is safe to guess that there will be a noticeable of women's names on the saloon petitions.

A certain Sait Lake paper which ever its advent into the newspaper world has been noted for the fine moral tone of its editorials, has lately

undergone a most astonishing change. This happens often in the newspaper world when there is a change of owners or editors. But no such change has occurred with this paper. Among other commendable features was a series of articles on the subject of prohibition, contributed by well known

The editorials, too, seemed to favor prohibition. When a copy of the liquor men's "Model License Law," which the liquor dealers of the United States hoped to have adopted by many legislatures this fall, was sent this edi-tor, he remarked that the liquor dealers were about ten years too late in offering to reform their business. That the people of the United States seem now to want to be rid of the saloons

He pointed out the flaws in their proposed 'egislation. After reading various moral subjects and noting the intelligent and scholarly style in which they were written, as well as the courageous attitude on all public questions, one would naturally say, "Now there is a man whose editorial opinions are not for sale. He can neither be bought

like a piece of office furniture." But within the last ten days this editor has attacked prohibition, using he same futile arguments that the iquor men have always used. And ne is advocating with only a few changes (which no saloon would obey) the same law that The Model License

eague advocates. And all the apology for this sudden change that this editor offers is the one that when his paper was running the aforementioned prohibition arti-

cles only about fifty people responded and he took that as an indication that the people do not want prohibition. As we remember only two or three

wrote defending the saloons and they were mostly connected with the bustlatter fact as an indication if he is his paper for or against prohibition? and are even able to tell their neigh. it, who do not feel themselves capable writing an article on the subject,

their belief in probibition?

CONDUCTED BY W. C. T. U.

MISS FRIEDA DRESSEL, MRS. U. WAY.

self the most infamous character in

an mistory. Because of his act, it has been considered from that day to this the most despicable thing which a man can be guilty to betray a fellowman to an untimely grave for a money consideration.

If the boast which certain liquor men have made is true, that for a consideration of \$40,000 to the campaign fund there is to be no advanced temperance legislation in Utah this winter, then we can just estimate that

pretty well if this is true or not.

lican before it "turned turtle"

or doctors, or merchants.

they want to?

earth.

PREACHERS IN POLITICS.

The following was clipped from the

"Why not? A preacher should be

as well equipped to advise people

as is anyone else. They certainly

have as much time as have lawyers,

as good citizens, judged by their conduct. They certainly have as high

ideals for earthly life as other men

have. Why shouldn't they have polit-

ical opinions? Why shouldn't they have views on public affairs? Why

shouldn't they express themselves, if

"The notion that a preacher is some

thing removed, that he belongs to a sphere totally disassociated with the

world and its affairs, that he is not

to care what goes on in his city or

his state or his nation, is not reason-

able. The measure of his manhood will be the measure of his value as a

part of the community. And if he

he will not help much in the place

where his hearers largely live-on

should organize his church as a body

for or against any political measure

any measure proposed for civil govern-

ment, and throw his church on one

cause of their church relation, to sus-

tain him. He should not require of

them a church allegiance superior to

every other. If he can not convince

them, if he can not reach their reason

"Preachers should be as good citi-

zens as any other men. They should

be able to be citizens without being

bigots: to lead men and women to

with the disfavor of the Almighty in

governmental action. They should be

big enough to use their abilities with-

out denying the same liberty to other

"This does not mean priesthood con-

trol; the domination of any church

or the awful malediction of the prel-

ate upon the communicant who

sees them. It simply means that a

man should not cease to be a citizen

when he gets into the pulpit, Maybe

doesn't see things just as the prelate

right life without threatening them

he should not try to control them.

side, compelling his followers.

"We do not mean that a preacher

has nothing but heaven to talk about

thirty pieces of silver was a much larger price than the men making this deal have received for each one of the men and boys, women and girls, who will be ruined and betrayed into the road that leads to an untimely before another session of the legislature. In another month we shall know

bring prohibition If any of Weber counties represen tatives or senators fail to vote for the Cannon bill after this unmistakable expression from the people, that man should hereafter derive his political

ple who have deliberately made up their minds as to what they want. change their minds.

The argument that the people are excited now, but that public sentiment would not keep up sufficient to en-force the law is a poor argument. When a law is enacted it is not placed in the hands of the people to enforce. We pay taxes, which go to hire officials to do that for us. If we have asked for the law, that shows that we want it and ought to be sufficient. Plenty of laws are enacted and afterward suc-cessfully enforced that were not asked for by the people at all.

By the way, once in a while someone complains that he has never had a chance to sign a petition. Then let him put his name at the head and

It will be easy enough for the liquor

A FEEBLE EXCUSE

individually nor sold with his paper

ness, should he not also take that going to rest the whole attitude of the people on their contributions to Are there not thousands of good men and women who want prohibition s in a crude way why they want and shall they be debarred from petitioning now just because they are not masters of the pen and have never studied rhetoric?

Was there very much of an effort on the part of the paper to get articles from the pen of the private citizen? Was it not just possible that ordinary people felt that it would look like resumption to send in articles after the state officials, and well known eople of Utah had so ably expressed And isn't this whole affair enough to

make one look with sickening apprenension for the clay feet of every apparently good man who sits in an ed-

\$40,000.

When Judas sold his master for thirty pieces of silver he mase him-

he should make the very fact of his preparation to serve the world a rea-son for getting out of the world.

"Of course, in their political activities they will have to be careful. They will have to be honest. have to abandon the notion that the preacher position gives them any political power, or that the sacred calling implies political superiority. But when these things are remembered-as they will be by preachers who are worth a cent either as preachers or as citizens—such men should be very valuable members of the community.

THE SECRET IS OUT.

The laws which prohibit gambling and the red light district are being violated all the time in Ogden and Mr. Elderkin (according to the news-papers) ought to be ashamed of himself. It may be that the officers are not doing their duty but Mr. Elderkin ought to be more careful of what he

Either the mayor or chief of police is to blame for this utter disregard of law but Mr. Elderkin preached about it and didn't mention the Diety and he ought to be investigated for such conduct. Anyone should know the two

subjects go together. There are a good many people who allow their children to roam the streets at night and if this continues Mr. Elderkin ought to be brought up before the juvenile court, for preaching about

You can't expect to convert a city official from political ways anyhow, and what is religion coming to when a dearly beloved Inter-Mountain Repubminister will undertake the impos-

sible? No one minister can expect to do much anyhow. Look at Luthur, and Knox, and Wesley and Roger Williams and a host of other reformers. See what a fizzle they all made. they be a warning to any minister not to start things.

Let's either try moral persuasion on the city officials or jail them, but let's don't point out their mistakes to the public, and especially to the young people. When the young people read the newspapers they may not know what "soiled doves" and "forfeited the usual\$10 to the city" and "accused of llving from a woman's shameful earnings" mean or realize that the city is in pardnership with these evils if this, minister did not tell them. They might think it was all just a reporter's horrible varn, but now-see what this minister has gone and done. Every-

one in town will know. It is enough to cause every newspaper man and city official in town to start singing "Give us the old-time religion. It's good enough for me.'

I. O. G. T.

Good Templars met Friday night, Feb. 5th, in Trade & Labor hall, and elected the following officers: C. A. Smurthwalte, Chief Templar.

Jas. Drisdale, Vice Templar. Frank Smith, Past Chief Templar. Mrs. S. J. Griffin, S. J. W Rev. Frank Shaw, Chaplain, Grace Russell, Financial Secretary. John Way, Treasurer, Edith Way, Secretary

Leslie Brooks, Marshal. Rcy Hewes, Guard. Rev. N. S. Elderkin, Deputy, Arrangements were made for a free entertainment on Friday night, Feb-ruary 19th, to be given by the members to their friends. A rousing good time may be had. There will be a program published elsewhere in this

paper. Everybody interested in our work come. You will be welcome.

A supper will be served in dining

Mrs. S. Way, committee chairman

room adjoining same hall, from 5:30 to 8 p. m. Roscoe Glasmann, chairman on entertainment committee.

his position is a little difficult. But on supper. Socialists Marxian Club

Any question concerning Socialism answered. Address all communications to K. S. Hilliard,

Editorial Committee: KATE S. HILLIARD. E. A. BATTELL.

436 Herrick Avenue. The heart that feels not now is labor should not be used to whitewash the blood of his children will child slavery. curse his cowardice who shrinks back at a time when a little might have IN A COAL MINE. saved the whole, and made them hap I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflec-

and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death."-Edgar A. Pos

CAT'S PAW. To the orchestration of the Hatters' strike the latest striking evidence of the inability of labor to enforce the socalled contracts that it enters into with capital, the international convention of the United Mine Workers is gathering in Indianapolis with one issue supreme on the delegates' minds-the issue of electing a president to make con-

tracts!

tion 'Tis the business of little minds

to shrink; but he whose heart is firm

Charming is the naiveness of the hundred horses, and over a thousand bituminous delegates, who are assem-bling at the international convention of the United Mine Workers in Indian-They are "at a loss to understand the financial delinquency of the anthracite mine workers towards the organization," seeing that they (the bituminous) "assessed themselves \$2, 200,000 in 1902 to help the anthracite men win the strike." These bltuminous men do not yet seem to know that they were used as cats' paws by the bituminous mine owners, who, finding their profits in a dearth of anthracite, "checked off" from the pay of their em-ployes the \$2,200,000 that went to keep the anthracite men on strike. Not an increase of strength, but a decrease of strength, the inevitable result of a union that is operated upon in such a

CHILD LABOR AND THE UNION

way.-Weekly People.

Once again we take issue with the Union Labor Department editor, and the claim that he makes a mistake when he says "the union has taken the child from the mine, factory and the mill," and ask him in good faith as we have ask-ed before to prove the truth of the assertion. Statistics show that child labor increases year by year; the union is against it, but is powerless to prevent It. It is easy to make assertions—not so easy to prove them. Such assertions are meat and drink to child labor exploiters. The sinews of ROY E. SOUTHWICK.

There Death Ever Lurks at the Toiler's Elbow.

From the bottom of the shaft, if you look straight up, you can see a very That is the daylight

You will be lucky if you ever see it again. Everywhere around are creeping mysteries. Death in a million forms seems to be lurking in the darkness. A loose stone from the roof; a snap of the steel hauling rope, curling round your neck, and strangling you; a sudden flash of flame and roar of exploding gas: a deadly silence in the work-

ings; something gone wrong with the air: you are choking-suffocating. You turn from the shaft to the "face," where the coal is still in bed. Horses, men and boys are going in with you. There may be a couple of

human beings. A mason's arch overhead protects you for a hundred yards or so inwards. Electric lights, blurred with the coaldust, burn red and drowsily in the archway. The clatter and rattle of hauling engines and coal cars begin to

be heard behind you. The management are breathless to send up as nearly as possible, fifteen hundred or two thousand tons of black treasure before the eight hours are

Whence are they to get this enormous quantity of coal? The horses, men and boys crowding in through the narrow roads will have

to answer the question.

When you begin to go in you see long, black tunnels, that seem to run into the eternal nowhere. It is worse than looking up the shaft. There is no daylight at the end of the darkness. But there is treasure there, and you

The long string of swinging lamps, carried in the hands of the in-going men and boys soon breaks up into twos Two lights turn down a still narrower roadway, open a door, turn once more, and father and son are in their

must dig it out by hard work.

Between them, they must send out six or seven tons towards making up the total thousands.

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