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The man who is not satisfied with himself always grumbles about his surroundings.

Men resemble machines to the extent of generally being broke when they are worn out.

Half the hard work in the world is done merely for the purpose of starting somebody.

A story is one of those things that has to be either very new or very old in order to be useful.

Faith among different people is like eating out of the same dish with different colored spoons.

It is beginning to look very much as though the European powers were at last preparing for a Turkey dinner.

If people would take as much pains to avoid trouble as they do to get out of it, life would have fewer rocky spots in the path.

The medicine which civilization is compounding for the sick man of Europe seems to fill him as full of unpleasant anticipations as a nice big spoon of castor oil does an ailing small boy.

Seth Bassett, a Connecticut boy, claims to have been chased by a snake eighteen feet long, and yet the people who know Seth say he never takes anything stronger than plain lemonade.

It is said that Chin Ye Hi Pum, the Korean minister, eats ice cream for breakfast, dinner, supper and between meals. His mother or one of his grandmothers must have been a Chicago girl.

There has been a considerable reduction in the customs duty on corn imported into Mexico, and according to a report to the state department by United States Consul-General Crittenden, at the City of Mexico, the rate of duty for August was \$1 per "corga" of 300 pounds, which is a reduction of forty cents per "corga."

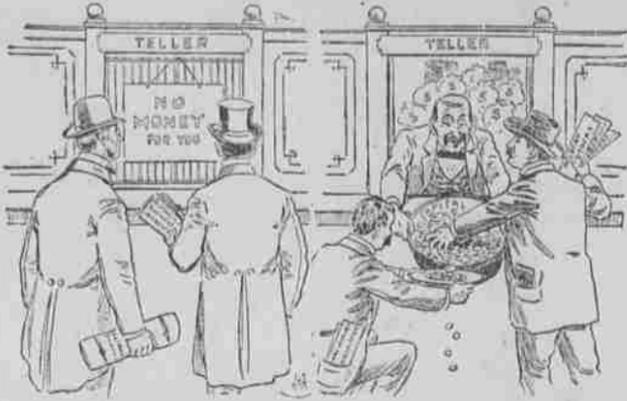
Melissa Hunt of Fishkill, N. Y., aged fifteen, had long sought her brothers to buy her a piano. They pretended to demur, but secretly purchased one and had it placed in the parlor while the sister was away. Upon her return her amazement was so great that she threw up both hands and fell shrieking to the floor. Joy had turned her brain; but she will likely recover, we are happy to state. Young ladies who read this should fortify themselves against such sudden surprises. A piano may be coming your way.

It is claimed that a well-known bicycle manufacturing company will build nothing but chainless bicycles next year. They have the patents on the latest and most improved bevel gear, and will put it on all their wheels. Experimental machines, the gear concealed in a gear case so as to attract no attention, have been run up to 15,000 miles over the roughest ground without wear or necessity of any readjustment, and the invention is pronounced perfect by all mechanical engineers who have seen it. Great speed can also be attained and there is practically no lost power.

The Minnesota fire warden's report closes with a statement of the utility of the forests and argument for their preservation. The Minnesota forests are a great natural reservoir of moisture feeding hundreds of streams, which fertilize the soil and turn the machinery of manufacturers. They afford an important industry and home market for agricultural supplies. The pine forests should also be valuable as health resorts, for it has been conclusively shown by scientific observations that forest air is much richer in ozone than the air of open countries. The celebrated Swedish iron is produced by charcoal instead of mineral coal, and it would seem that the conversion of Minnesota ore into iron by charcoal should be encouraged by the state, rather than have it all shipped away in crude condition. This, while creating a new industry, would furnish a new incentive for perpetuating the forests. No abatement of the seemingly ruthless consumption of pine can at present be expected, for great companies have their capital all embarked in the business and have built railroads specially for lumbering. They cannot now stop without financial failure, and if we are to have permanent forests it must be the state or the United States that will conserve them.

**WHY WE OPPOSE THEM.**

The Difference—“Conservative” Methods of Certain National Banks.



**ALL AGAINST SILVER.**

COAL BARONS FORCE WAGES DOWN AND PRICES UP.

Yet They Pretend that They Are Afraid That the Working Men Will Be Paid in Cheap Dollars—The Chicago Tribune “Ordered Up.”

The following letter was recently addressed to the Chicago Tribune. That paper boasts that it answers all letters received. It evidently made an exception of this one for the very good reason that its publication would have opened the eyes of a large number of the Tribune's readers. We publish it that its influences may not be lost:

Editor, Sound Money column, Chicago Tribune—Sir: It is not also a fact that J. Pierpont Morgan, who is at the head of the gold movement in this country, and who recently made a profit of \$5,000,000 on a bond transaction (which transaction was only made necessary because we are on a gold basis, and insist on paying our obligations in gold), is also at the head of the anthracite coal trust; which trust has recently raised the price of that article for no known reason whatever except its own voraciousness? Is it not also a fact that Senator J. M. Thurston, one of the leading supporters of the gold party, is the paid attorney of the Union Pacific railroad, a corporation which has robbed the United States government of millions of dollars?

Did not the Union Pacific make every effort possible to elect Thurston to

the senate, knowing full well that its rascality was about to be exposed, and a question of restitution raised? Is it not also a fact that the members comprising each and every one of the numerous trusts, which are fast driving competition from the field and raising the price of every article they handle, are, without exception, active supporters of the same gold party?

Does it not seem strange that the various members of these trusts, which have robbed the public, individually and collectively, on every conceivable occasion, should now have the interest of a long-suffering public at heart?

It looks to me that, having always robbed the workingman in the past, they wish to continue to do so in the future. Maybe I am wrong. I sincerely hope so. It is with that hope in my mind and a wish to be further enlightened, that I pen this lengthy epistle to you, relying on your well-known fairness to answer through the columns of your paper.

RICE WABBROUGH.

**Bourke as a Bird.**

Oil City Derrick: For a professional jaw-worker like Cockran to refer to the agriculturists as “farmers who labor with their jaws” is an excellent illustration of the pot calling the kettle black. Bourke is a bird. It would be interesting to know the exact price he was paid for his speech.

**Why Not Again?**

Youngstown Vindicator: It is worthy of note that the United States maintained free coinage of silver from 1816 to 1873, without the consent of England or any other foreign nation.

**SHERMAN'S TWO SPEECHES.**

Sherman's plea for labor in the senate of the United States in 1876: We are producing in this country this year, as estimated by Dr. Linderman, some \$40,000,000 in silver bullion. He estimates the total production at \$30,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 will be silver. Why not utilize this silver as legal tender? I admit that if it is made a legal tender, equal to gold, it being a metal not so valuable, it would drive the gold from the country, and the silver alone would remain. By limiting it to a thousand dollars in one payment, ninety-nine transactions out of every one hundred will be transacted with it. And all business between individuals not bankers, between the mechanic and employer, between farmers and their merchants, and all wages, and indeed thousands of transactions which underlie society broad and deep, would be in this coin. The large transactions between the bankers and those between this and foreign nations would continue to be in gold, but the silver would remain here as the coin of the people, and the laboring man as well as the small dealer, and indeed of all those persons who do not deal in millions at a clip.

I therefore, Mr. President, look upon this as one of the great steps toward resumption. It is by utilizing the silver which we produce in large amounts in this country and making it a legal tender as it was heretofore. It remains a legal tender in France, and it is there successful as the coin of the people. It is also a legal tender in many other parts of Europe. France is one of the great commercial nations, and they have retained the double standard; and from my reading I believe if Germany could go back to the double standard it would do it most cheerfully. They believed that the large amount of French coin which had been brought there in a day would remain, and so believing they demonetized all the millions of silver that had been coined all the little principalities and duchies of Germany for ages before and substituted gold exclusively, recoinage the French coin so as to make it the coin of the empire. But this imperial coin must go back to its imperial home; and, as I said a while ago, it has left that country in a condition of paralysis and prostration, not surpassed by its sad condition during the Napoleonic wars. It should be received as a fundamental fact so as to guide the statesmen of this country that the reverse of what suits England always suits us. And as the exclusive gold standard undoubtedly suits her, the double standard suits us.—See Congressional Record, March 6, 1876, pages 1473 to 1483.

John Sherman's plea for labor at Columbus in 1896: But by far the greatest injury resulting from the free coinage of silver will fall upon workingmen. Their wages are now based upon money of the highest value, upon gold coin of standard value. Under free coinage of silver the value of the silver dollar will fall to 53 cents in gold, or, as I have already said, the hundred cents of the gold dollar will be worth 150 cents of the silver dollar. With free coinage of silver every workingman can and ought to demand enough silver for his daily wages to be equal to the purchasing power of his present wages in gold. The struggle between workingman and employer will then commence and no one knows better than the workingman how difficult it is to get an advance of pay.

We have strikes and strife enough now, when the workingman gets his pay in gold coin or its equivalent, but what will be the condition when he is paid in cheaper money of the same nominal amount, but of less purchasing power? Every sentiment of justice will be on the side of the workingman in his struggle for good money or increased wages in cheap money. Of all the evils which a government can inflict none can be greater than cheap money, whether of coin or paper.

The question will never be settled until you determine the simple question whether the laboring man is entitled to have a gold dollar if he earns it, or whether you are going to cheat him with something else. Gold has made the world respect it all the time. The English people once thought they could get along without gold for a while, but they had to come back to it.

With the free coinage of silver gold will be demonetized. Nothing can be more certain than that the cheaper money only will circulate. The United States has thus far maintained its silver coins at parity with gold coins only by its exclusive monopoly of coinage and by limiting the amount, but with free coinage of silver there could be no limitation. Silver bullion in every form will be pressed upon the mints and with the mandatory duty of free coinage, silver dollars will soon fill the channels of circulation and the gold dollar will be hoarded or will be quoted and sold as a commodity at about 150 cents of the silver coin. Silver will stand at the par of value and gold will be quoted at its commercial value.—See John Sherman's speech at Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1896.

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