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HOW TO BEAT THE DEVIL.

A lawyer in New York named Turner has incorporated himself, and is selling himself out in shares of stock. He may think he is doing something original, but if so, he is mistaken. It's an old and well recognized dodge.

What is Standard Oil but the incorporation of John D. Rockefeller? What is the sugar trust, but the incorporation of Henry O. Havemeyer? What is the great Northern Pacific-Great Northern-Burlington-Colorado & Southern merger which it is rumored is about to take place, but greater Jim Hill? What is this swollen Southern Pacific-Union Pacific-Alton-Illinois Central-and-all-the-rest-of-them corporation system, but E. H. Harriman magnified ten million diameters?

The corporation acts with the force of a million individuals, perhaps, but it obeys a single will, it has a single brain, it knows but a single purpose.

And the beauty of it is, the corporation has no soul. John D. Rockefeller has a soul—a well groomed, sleek, unctuous, well-fed soul—of which he takes great care and the welfare of which is of the first importance to him. John D. never does anything wrong.

But Standard Oil—great Caesar's ghost! You want to look out for your purse and your oil well and all the things which are yours if Standard Oil wants them! What it does and what John D. does are two diverse things.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote "The Bottle Imp"—a story of an imp in a bottle which had to be sold for less every sale, and when the price got to the smallest coin known, the owner had to keep the imp until he died, and then you know what the imp did to his soul!

Herbert Quick wrote "The Federal Imp Company," a story of how John D. Rockefeller got the imp, and his aid accomplished all the wonderful things which John D. really has done, and then went to congress, got a law passed for a coin smaller than the centime, sold the imp to a corporation of which he held the stock, and could do all the deviltry he pleased through the imp, because it was the corporate John D. that owned the imp, and not the personal John D.

This is the principle of the corporation. It sins, but the management is sinless. It beats the devil.

But maybe there are books kept in which the transactions are set down otherwise. If we could only get certified copies of the accounts of some of our most saintly exploiters in St. Peter's books, we might not envy them so much. But as for originality on the part of the New York lawyer—why, Colonel Tom Oehiltree proposed to incorporate himself for the benefit of his creditors 25 years ago!

"THE MENACE OF UNIONISM."

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton university, adverted to labor unionism in his baccalaureate address this year, and, if he is correctly reported, called it the industrial menace of the nation.

He spoke of the alleged practice in the labor unions of "standardizing" the day's work, and of making the output of the poorest workman the standard. This, he suggested, tends to cut down industrial efficiency and to cripple the nation in the race for commercial supremacy.

Like most college men, Dr. Wilson fails or refuses to look the real problem in the face. Like most college men, he fails to get the union labor viewpoint. Such sermons and addresses, conceived in misunderstanding and narrowness, tend to evil, for they widen the breach between unionism and those who mistakenly oppose it.

Trade unionism is a symptom, not a disease. When labor is unoppressed it never organizes. When natural opportunities for self employment are so free that all men may employ themselves at will the labor union is unheard of.

When placer mines were open to the first comer in California, and later in Alaska, there were no miners' unions. No man cared whether he held a job or not. If he lost his job, he staked out a claim. But when all the mines went under private ownership, the miners organized. The Western Federation of Miners is the fruit of fenced up opportunities. So are all labor unions. Free natural opportunities so that all may freely employ themselves, and the labor union will dissolve with the fear of losing jobs.

As to the restriction of output, Dr. Wilson should remember that such efficient machinery is now used and laborers work such long hours, that when all are at work they make things faster than the world can buy them. Output must be cut down. How to do it is the question. The employer prefers to do it by employing a smaller force of more efficient men; but this leaves many out of work. The labor union prefers to do it by shorter hours of work. Failing this, he may, and in many instances does, reduce output by less work per unit of time.

How would Dr. Woodrow Wilson do it? By such a readjustment of things that the laborer would receive the full product of his labor the necessity for restriction would disappear. Laborers everywhere would have their purchasing power so increased that "overproduction" would vanish with "under consumption." Until men everywhere had all they wanted of everything, labor could go on without any glut of products.

But is Dr. Woodrow Wilson in favor of that? Until he is, he may as well accept the labor union as a necessity.

DOLL'S FOOT STUCK IN BABY'S NOSE.

(By United Press) PHILADELPHIA, June 24.—While performing delicate surgery in extracting a foreign body from the nose of Annie Pierce, three years old, at the Samaritan hospital, Dr. Horatio Jones was astonished to find that the wooden leg of a doll had been forced up

the nose. The foot had caught in the nostril and required great skill in its extrication.

WILL DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP An action for divorce has been instituted by Frederick E. Pittwood against Alice M. Pittwood, alleging statutory grounds. The couple live at 812 Knox avenue and have been married for 11 years and only recently parted.

MOST ANYTHING

JOSEPH WISE SAYS:



"Some men's love doesn't cool till they plunge into the hot water of matrimony."

"Will you give me a recipe for marking table linen?" "Certainly. Leave a four year old child and a blackberry pie alone at the dining table for five minutes."

Rather Ancient Widow—Yes, Major Blinks, my face was my fortune when I married Colonel Blank.

Major Blinks—Hub; well, I don't blame you for marrying even Blank, in that case.

Not being able to find a resort on this continent where her health will regain the normal, Katherine Elkins will sojourn in Europe—but she won't meet Abruzzi; oh, no.

As long as a woman doubts everything a man says to her he is interesting.

Is there any chance that \$5 bills will be smaller if they raise the tariff on paper?

They say Harriman is a bum correspondent. He simply hates to drop a line, even to his friends. But he has written some letters to "My Dear Senator."

STRICTLY SPEAKING



"FULL AS AN EGG IS OF MEAT"

OF PROMINENT ANCESTRY.



"Say, ma, de odder children won't let us play wif 'em. De say we ain't got no family history." "You march yourself right back, Ferdinand, and tell that obscure trash to look how often your dad's name is in the police court docket, if they think you ain't got no family history."

WONDERFULLY FERTILE LOIL.



"I've moved to the country now, and planted a garden." "Anything coming up?" "Sure. My wife's family is coming up to spend the summer."

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A FUNERAL ORATION

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Dear friends, a might man hath joined the blest. Chorus: A mighty man, indeed, but—let him rest! A man of works and faith, a man of force. Chorus: Who led, broke faith and robbed without remorse. A worthy life was his—a life of toil. Chorus: His noble aim in life was boundless spoil. Steel-nerved, he bullded railroad, ship and mill; Chorus: And ruined all who dared oppose his will. How sweet and mild the inner life he led! Chorus: The Tiger, too, is mild when fuully fed. How kind he was a thousand friends will say. Chorus: He fed his jackals fat, so well they may! His faults? Be still! His faults we leave to God. Chorus: And teach our sons to tread the way he trod? What wealth he gave our grateful hearts confess. Chorus: His very charity was selfishness. He filled a million shelves with learned tomes— Chorus: And bullded palaces on wrecks of fomes. His gifts to church and college ever grew. Chorus: He robbed the poor to help the well-to-do. Upon these walls his name shall be inscribed! Chorus: The church may take, but God remains unbribed.—Arthur Gulterman, in Puck.

SEIZE WOMAN'S LEG UNDER MORTGAGE

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 24.—Because her wooden leg had been listed as household property, Mrs. Charles Harridin, despite her entreaties, was compelled to unstrap the mechanical member at the knee and lay it on the top of all the other humble household goods as they were carted away under a mortgage foreclosure.

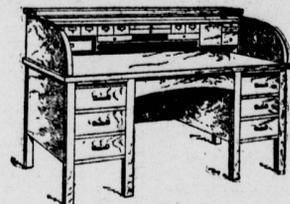
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