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THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE NEWS FEED YOUR HEADS.

By Eugene V. Debs.

The normal human has a head and two hands. The head plans, the hands perform. They understand each other perfectly. The hands do what the head wants ·m to do. But is so happens— hns always been a mystery to a—that most men's hands are subject to a few other men's heads. It is indeed a grotesque arrangement. To say that it expresses the creative plan is to impeach the Almighty.

If he intended most men to be the mere hands of others why did He not create them headless? Surely He could not have intended their heads merely as knobs to hand hats on!

Oh, no, the fault is not with the plan, but with its execution, or, to be exact, its non-execution. The plan of a head for every hand strikes us as infinite wisdom at high water-mark.

The head perched aloft so it can see, blazes the way for the body and warns against danger! How admirable that this dome should be the seat of reason as well as the lighthouse of vision.

Here the subtle machinery of thought is lodged in the brain.

Marvelous mechanism. Here the wants of the body, the needs of the mind and the asperations of the sould all center, and here the plans and specification are drawn and transmitted to the hands and other organs for execution.

But what if the brain itself is neglected? What follows the lack of proper nourishment? Darkness, Eclipse. The lighthouse may remain, but the light is extinguished.

As certain as the body languishes and finally succumbs for the want of proper nourishment, so the brain wastes away and finally ceases ·] function for the same reason.

Every human being should nourish with wholesome food and stimulate his mental organism. Unless he does this he suffers agony until the grave opens to add another to the countless number of silent witnesses that life is a wrecked failure.

Feed your head is rather a course phrase but it embodies the idea and expresses the thought.

Feed your head! Nourish your brain! Cultivate your intellect! Develope your mind! It al means the same thing, the thing that twenty odd millions of humans called hands in the United States ought to understand.

The capitalist does not become the industrial captain by the use of his own head and his own hands. Oh, no, he uses the hands of an army of others who have no heads of their own, or have so long neglected them that all they are fit for are to light the way of their hands to and from their slavish tasks.

Listen just a moment, you myriad-headed host of toil. You have powe: to snap your chains asunder as you would pack- ·eads. You have but to light fires in that darkened brain feed the sacred flame. To e the power of a giant and er beneath the scorn of pigmy t your misfortune, but your ace. Shame should keep your black as your hands. You no need to crawl; you have the strength to stand; you · no master; be your own. to beg and help yourself. rth is yours and if it is not l in every atom, joyous in reath and divine in every it is because your base el neglect for centuries figured it.

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PREPARING FOR THE DELUGE

By Scott Nearing.

When the people of the United States cease manufacturing munitions and war supplies for the nations of Europe. The country will be overrun with an army of the unemployed, variously estimated at from five to ten millions.

The expected may not happen. The end of war with its cessation of munition manufacturing, military contracts and wartime prices may not call the industries of America to a temporary halt. The probabilities are, however, that prices must come down, that industrial readjustments must take place and that in the process a menacing army of the unemployed will be forced to take the street.

With this ominous probability hanging over the country in the near future, city, state, and national governments should work out thoroughgoing plans to meet the danger. The preparation for this impending unemployment must take two forms. In the first place jobs must be found for people who do not have them. In the second place jobs must be made where none can be found.

The first problem is solved by a system of public employment offices. The second problem can be met only through a great system of public work for the unemployed.

The United States has taken a few hesitating steps toward a system of public employment offices. The Federal Government has divided the country in twenty areas, each with an employment office headquarters, and has opened 62 additional sub-branch-offices, so that there is now on an average nearly two offices for each state. No one can help feeling that two employment offices might readily be overlooked by the enemployed in a state like California or Texas.

During 1916 these federal employment offices secured jobs for 75,195 applicants. The total number of applicants for jobs was 184,481, so that two jobs were secured for each five persons who applied.

In addition to the Federal Employment offices 15 states and 8 cities provided public employment offices. New York State has five offices ,Indiana three, Connecticut five, Pennsylvania six, Ohio seven, Wisconsin four, and Michigan ten. This is the largest number reported from any state. Some of these offices were quite active. Thus, in January 1917, the California offices secured jobs for 3,138 persons the Michigan offices for 6,883 persons; the New York offices for 7,768 persons and the Ohio offices 13,020 persons.

A student of the employment problem, familiar with the work done by the more progressive European countries, is appalled at the tiny beginnings which have been made in America. If this country is to face successfully the economic crisis which will probably succeed the great war, it should take at least the price of one battle cruiser per year (20 millions) to extend and facilitate the work in this direction. The returns in social stability on such an investment will be a thousand-fold.

On the second head, provision of public work, there is little or nothing to say. No steps have been taken, and apparently no general plans have been made for a development of public work to meet the unemployment crisis.

Still Americans insist, with anxious pride, that the democracy is proving a success. This largest and most powerful bird in existence, the ostrich, when it faces a danger is said to bury its head in the sand.

A VISSION OF THE FUTURE

Robert G. Ingersoll.

I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness have perished from the earth.

I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret subtle powers of earth and air are the tireless toilers of the human race.

I see a world of peace adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of life and truth—a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which no gibbet's shaddows falls; a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand; where the poor girl in trying to win bread with the needle—the needle, that has been called "the asp for the breast of the poor"—is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, of suicide or shame. I see a world without a beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, the married harmony of form and function, and as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth; ar[illegible] the gr[illegible] dom, [illegible] star of human hope.

THE WISE FOOL.

"The [illegible] fire," [illegible] served the sa[illegible] "Yes," replied the [illegible] "But the burnt grownup goes back and takes another chance as soon as the blisters heal."—Exchange

MACHINERY AND LABOR.

By R. A. Dague.

During the past hundred years the world made wonderful progress. The person who is now 50 years old has lived in a period in which there was greater progress toward a higher civilization than for 3,000 years before he was born. There has been greater invention in the last 100 years than perhaps in all the preceding life of the race. Steam and electricity and the wonderful labor-saving machines have wrought a revolution of nearly all the old methods of doing things. A locomotive will pull as much as 1,000 horses or 10,000 men. A 12-year-old boy or girl in a cotton factory can do as much labor attending a spinning jack as several scores of adults could do in the old way of spinning and weaving. A shoe machine enables one man to put the soles on 600 pairs of shoes a day. Franklin could print about 50 of his little newspapers in an hour with his crude screw press. Now the Hoe perfecting press can print tens of thousands while he was printing 50.

In other words one man is now, by the aid of the machine, doing on an average the work of 100 hand workers of a century ago. And inventors have not stopped and will not stop. The result of all this has been to vastly increase accumulated wealth. In 1800 the wealth of the United States was estimated at $1,000,000,000. Now it is about $140,000,000,000.

At the beginning of the century the per capita wealth was $200. Now it is $1,200. Now, the sad part of all this marvelous development is that this accumulated wealth has not been diffused properly among the people. Those who most deserve their share of it have not received it. The inventor of valuable labor saving machinery generally died a pauper, while the thrifty Capitalist gets the benefit of his great discovery. The operator or laborer who directs the machine gets but little of its earnings. The shrewd man with money gathers in the lion's share.

A few years ago Dr. Spahr, a reliable statistician after a careful investigation said: One-half of the people own practically nothing. One-eighth own seven-eighths of the wealth, or 49 times their share; 1 per cent of the people own 54 per cent, of all the wealth. One family in every hundred is able to buy out the other 99 families and have something left besides. Finally about .02 of 1 per cent of the people, or 4,000 millionaires have 20 per cent of the total wealth, or over 4,000 times their share if things were conducted according to the co-operative or Socialistic methods."

Since those statistics were published conditions have grown worse. The propertyless class has enlarged. More workers are out of employment and a few millionaires have become billionaires.

Is there any hope that conditions will grow better under the present economic system. No: absolutely no hope. It is certain that they will grow worse. The railroads now own land enough to make eight states as large as Ohio. Their principal officers get princely salaries and they are stocked for over $9,000,000,000 more than they cost. They can secure the election or defeat of any candidate from president down. The money power has become a powerful monopoly and can crush all competitors and raise the price of all their products according to their own wishes and by the stroke of a pen displace a thousand working men. The poor man, the small business man, the farmer, the mechanic—the middle classes are at the mercy of these shrewd manipulators known as capitalists. The people still have the ballot. With this, they can revolutionize all this condition of things. With this, if they use it wisely, they can save themselves from further degradation and slavery. Do you ask how shall they vote? The answer is they must cease to be led to the polls by the leaders of the old parties whose interest it is to keep the people ignorant, that they may continue the present order of things. They must cease being mere "party men" and become Americans. They must think, think, think, and then act as intelligent citizens should act and then vote.

THE PEOPLE ARE DELUDED

John Boyle O'Rielly.

The mass of poor, ignorant, disorganized, do not know the right of mankind upon earth and never realize that the world belongs to its population. A small class in every country has taken possession of property, and government and makes laws for its own safety and the security of its plunder educating the masses, generation after generation, into the belief that this condition is the natural order and the "law of God." By long training and submission the people everywhere have come to regard the assumption of their rulers and owners as the law of right and common sense and their own blind instincts, which tells them all men ought to have a plenteous living on this planet, as the promptings of evil and disorder.

Under capitalism a wealthy idiot can ride in a motor car, while a capable workingman rides on the breakbeams and votes to continue the outrage. Which

SECURITY AND STABILITY

The orators and newspapers of the ruling class tell us a great deal about the stability of our government and the security of your life, liberty and property. We have had this preached to us until we really believe it.

Stable means permanent, secure. If we have such a stable government, why is it necessary to spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually to support an army that has never been used for any other purpose than to shoot down working men and women who may protest against the tyranny of Dollar Rule? Can you point out a single instance where the army or navy has been used for any other purpose than to protect Dollars. I challenge anyone to show where the military force has been used otherwise since the rebellion of '61.

As to the protection of life and liberty, that all depends on who you are. If you have the price you can buy both. But if you happen to be poor, and especially if you oppose the ruling class, the constitutional guarantee of life and liberty is a joke. Hundreds of men and women have been jailed and are today in prison for no other reason than that they thought they had the right to express them selves in speech and print. And I could mention quite a number who have been put to death for the same reason—in this "free" country.

As for the security of property, even the defenders of the present order are aware that there is only a flimsy pretense of security. And there is no peace of mind for those who have the property.

The cutest and slickest of them get caught. If you sit down to a game of seven-up or euchre you know the rules, and the game is open and above-board. But when you sit in the game of profits the game is secret, the rules are many and conflicting, except the basic rule that the longest pole knocks the persimmon, or that might makes right.

It is impossible that any kind of government can protect conflicting interests with equal justice. It must either favor the skinner or the skinned. And there can be no peace so long as the skin game is tolerated.

Hence the thing to do is to change the game so that there will be no conflicting interests—each for all and all for each. And that is nothing more than pure Democracy for which so many of our statesmen pretend to stand—or Republicanism as advocated by its founder—Lincoln.

You may hear co-called Democratic orators yawp about the "time honored principles of Thomas Jefferson." You may hear Republican spell-binders spout off about Abe Lincoln. But you will never hear either of them quoted on the relations of capital and labor. And that is the issue—the only real issue—before the people of this or any other country today. And the chief job of the politicians and their organs is to hide the issue. How long can they do it?

Lincoln said "Labor is prior to capital" and is, therefore, entitled to the greater consideration by government. In other words, labor creates capital and should be the master. Jefferson held the same ideas. But none of their alleged followers do.

These alleged followers of Jefferson and Lincoln will tell you that the interests of capital and labor are identical, and that harmony should prevail. It would be as easy to create harmony between two dogs fighting over a bone. According to brute law the bone goes to the dog that is able to take it. That is also capitalist law stripped of all its trappings and hypocritical pretenses. Take a peep at Europe and see capitalist law in its hideous nakedness.

WHY BABIES DIE.

Prof. Scott Nearing, the teacher who lost his job in the University Pennsylvania because he refused to suppress the truth about economic conditions, has an interesting article in The New Age in which he proves the connection between low wages and infant mortality.

Prof. Nearing shows that the death of babies among the poorest class is more than five times greater than among the well-to-do. In other words, among the comfortably situated the death rate among babies is five in a hundred the first year, while among the poorest it is 27 in a hundred.

These conclusions have been amply varified by the splendid investigations of the Federal Children's bureau into the relation between poverty and child mortality. In Johnstown, the bureau reports that among the well-to-do people 50 babies of each 1,000 born, died during the first year. As a contrast with these death rates among the well-to-do, "the highest infant mortality rate, 271 is found where the poorest, most lowly persons of the community live; families of men employed to do the unskilled work in the steel mills and mines."

The grouping of the child death is according to the income of the father, and shows the highest death rate where wages are lowest and the smallest death rate where wages are highest, "indicating clearly the relation between low wages, ill health and infant deaths."

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

WORKERS AND SHIRKERS.

By Carl D. Thompson.

A miner without a mine, a shoemaker without a shoe factory, a farmer without land, are in the same predicament as is the hunter without a gun. They cannot follow their vocations unless they get the use of capital or land belonging to the other fellow.

The heart and soul of capitalism is the separation of ownership and labor and the resultant division of mankind in two classes, one of which owns the means of life and does not use them, and the other that uses the means of life and does not own them. This arrangement permits a few people to live without work and forces the many to work without getting a living.

The aim of Socialism is to bring about a union of ownership and labor by making the means of production the common property of all the people.

The principal means of life are controlled by great aggregations of capital, commonly called trusts These giant combinations, by forcing the wages of labor down to the very minimum of subsistence and by charging for their products all that the traffic will bear, have become a serious menace to the well-being of all the American people, and all kinds of remedies are advocated against the evils of monopoly.

Some want us to regulate the trusts. We have tried that for 50 years. And the more we regulate the trusts, the less we have to eat and wear and the mor the trusts gouge us.

Others want us to try to "bust the trusts. So we have tried that for 50 years. And the more we bust the trusts, the more the trusts bust us.

So we conclude that the Socialists are right when they say that the best way to regulate the trusts and the best way to bust the trusts is for the nation to own the trusts. This would bring about the union of ownership and the use of the means of production Those who must use the railroads the mines, the mills and the factories would own them collectively through the government. Those who own these essentials of life, but do not use them except as a club with which to rob The club would be taken away from them.

ALL THINGS SAVE ONE.

From the Wilwaukee Leader

Rulers will do all thing save get off the backs of their subjects. Tolstoi said this many years ago. Every hour since has proved its truth.

Labor askes for higher wages, shorter hours, better guarded machinery, opportunity for leisure and education. But more than any of these and all of these, it needs and must have liberty and the right to rule its own life.

It is this demand that sets socialism apart from all reform measures. So long as the capitalist can be "master of his own house" he will concede much. He will build parks, schools museums He will establish "foundations" and pour out charity. But these things must be handed out as he wishes them.

Here is where Socialism parts company with the reformer, the philanthopist, the social secretary, the welfare worker. Here the doctrine and the bigger fact of the class struggle passes all these aside.

In every society the class that has owned the essentials of production of wealth has ruled.

Sometimes these essentials were canoes and hunting grounds.

Sometimes they were broad estates and high castles.

Today they are the great machines in the shops—the engines, turbines, wires, wheels, telephones and multitudes of instruments with which the work of the world is done.

Those who own these have no need of work. They have no need of brains. Harry Thaw in Matawan gathered wealth faster than any wage worker in the steel mills of Pittsburg.

To hold this place upon the backs of the workers, all the lines that carry impressions to the minds of the masses are watched and manipulated. The press sings praises of the enterprise of owners. Statesmen write laws to protect ownership. Poets and patriots praise the government that protects ownership and stamps as treason any effort to divert that state from the task of crushing those who would revolt against the robbery of the propertyless by the propertied.

While class rule remains, all else is secure. There may be times when the owners will find it advisable to be good to their subjects. It is more than 2,000 years since Roman rulers learned that the surest way to retain mastership is to feed and amuse their slaves.

Socialism stikes at the root of mastery. It demands a workingclass ruling itself, educating itself, directing its own institutions and preparing to rule society. It demands that the masters get off our backs—not that they put cushions under the saddle and jingle baubles before our eyes.

DO IT YOURSELF.

No reform, moral or intellectual, ever came from the upper classes of society. Each and all came from the protest of the martyr and the victim. The emancipation of the working people must be achieved by the working people themselves.—Wendell Phillips.

JESUS, THE AGITATOR.

By Eugene V. Debs.

It is clear to every seeker of the truth that Jesus of Nazareth was a labor agitator and social rebel and that this was the real cause of his crucifixion as a felon. A carpenter by trade and at a time when labor was virtual slavery, he knew the meaning of oppression and poverty and woe, and there is not a doubt that his great heart went out in deepest sympathy to his own suffering class and that his outraged soul rebelled against the system of extortion and robbery of which they them. The suffering poor, the unfortunate, the derelict, in their poverty and misery, could commit no excess he would not excuse.

All his disciples were chosen by Jesus from his own class, the toiling class, the "lower class" in which he was born and to which he remained loyal and steadfast to the day of his death.

Jesus was accused of blasphemy and of "spreading a false religion." This was but the pious pretext of the pharisees to poison the minds of the ignorant and superstitious against him. He was dangerous to the money-changers, the extortioners, the plunderers of the poor, and he lashed them with whips of fire, and it is they who with the connivance of their high priests and other retainers brought false charges against him and plotted his cruel death.

The naked truth is that Jesus was crucified for inciting his fellow-slaves to rebellion against their arrogant and merciless masters, and today the lineal descendants of those same masters who murdered him as a dangerous agitator, profess to worship him because he died that they might be made immaculate in the blood of the lamb.

Jesus loved the poor among whom he was born with a holy passion and fiercely hated their rich and respectable despoilers, and were he to return today and attack the gamblers of Wall street as he did the money-changers in the Temple the very gentry who now profess to be his meek and lowly followers and worship in his name, would be the first to rise up and demand his blood, and the only mercy they would show him as a result of twenty centuries of Christian civilization would be the substitution of electrocution for crucifixion.

THE FABLE OF THE BEES

By Danial Cavanah.

It came to pass that the drones owned all the fields and had screens placed over them, with signs warning the busy bees to keep off the flowers under penalty of the law; and the drones hired fierce hornets with scorpion stings to enforce the laws.

As the result the bees were late, discontented, ragged and hungry; so they held meetings in the public squares and passed resolutions and appointed committees to call on the drones and demand the removal of the signs and the right of the bees to build hives on the vacant fields and get honey from the flowers.

But the drones paid fat bumbles to preach to the bees and tell them they were unemployed and poor not because the fields were monopolized but because they were too fond of the juice of the hop and malt-flower, which made them inefficient; that too many bees were born every year, causing overpopulation; and there should be a higher tariff to keep out pauper honey, which ruined home industry.

It should never be forgotten that there always has been poor, hungry bees ever since anyone could remember; and the more drones they had the better off they'd be, for the drones ate lots of honey and so made work for the bees.

Without drones the bees would starve for lack of work They must remember that monopoly of the fields and flowers was the foundation of society endorsed by its pillars and fortified by statutes for centuries.

Hearing this preaching without end, the poor bees thought and thought and thought until their heads ached worse than their stomachs.

Then they stopped thinking.

IS THERE A LIVING WAGE?

Yes, they do die where a living wage is not paid. Julia Lothrop, head of the Federal Children's Bureau, has found the following facts from an accurate study of infant mortality among the children of wage earners. Listen to the terrible tale these facts tell:

Where the fathers earned less than $521 a year, 256 babies in each 1,000 died.

Where the father earned from $421 to $624, 158 babies in each 1,000 died.

Where the father earned from $625 to $800, 122 babies in each 1,000 died.

Where the father earned $900 and over, 97 babies in each 1,000 died.

Are dying wages a necessity in the United States, where we have such a large crop of millionaires all of whom have made their great fortunes out of the difference between a living wage and the dying which they have paid to the workers of this country? We leave the answer to you.

He.—I would go to the end of the earth for you.

She.—Good-bye.—Judge.

Stick to the unmuzzled Kicker.

SOUL'S ENTRANCE INTO [illegible]

Matter Over Which Theolo[illegible] Differed Since the Fir[illegible] Theory Was Ad[illegible]

Dr. Austin O'[illegible] has just revived [illegible] sion concerning the [illegible] man soul enters the body. [illegible]ticle in America he contrast[illegible] opposite theories: (1) That [illegible]totle, that the soul is infused about the fortieth day, to which St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Anselm, St. Alphonsus Liguori and most of the medieval moralists and theologians adhered. (2) That the entrance of the soul is simultaneous with the fusion of the single nuclei in the two parental germ cells, to which most modern embryologists, physicians and moralists give their adhesion.

Cardinal Mercier and some other great theologians cling to the Aristotelian theory today, basing their belief on the idea that not until the body takes actual human form is the "breath of life" breathed into it and it becomes "a living soul."

But Doctor O'Malley and the embryologists hold that the earliest embryo is a human being, therefore a body with a human soul.

SCIENCE AND WAR A UNIT

Members of French Military Expedition in Balkans Are Devoting Much Time to Both.

The French military expedition in the Balkans, following the example of the armies of Napoleon and Marshal Maison in carefully preserving and classifying all objects of archeological interest discovered by the troops, has gathered data that it is thought will throw much light on the primitive history of Macedonia.

Objects unearthed in trench digging at the front in Macedonia and in the construction of field works in the intrenched camp are assembled at Salonika all duly labeled with full details of their discovery.

Organized research is being done so far as circumstances permit. Three flying columns have been sent to cover particularly interesting regions to make soundings with a view to the preparation of archeological charts or maps.

These columns have already collected information of inestimable value, with specimens of poetry, fragments of ceramics, with data as to the depth at which they were discovered.

Racial Differences.

A new idea is that races of men m[illegible] be differentiated chemically, just [illegible] they are separated by easily seen [illegible]sical or anatomical peculiarities [illegible] make-up, hair, skin, etc. In the [illegible] of Germans a count of 4,750,000 [illegible] corpuscles per cubic millimeter [illegible] been made, while a similar count [illegible] blood of French has shown an [illegible] of 5,500,000; and it is believed [illegible] other racial differences [illegible] will be revealed when a wide comparative study shall have been made. [illegible] study as suggested would include [illegible] density of organic viscosity [illegible] blood, and the general chemistry [illegible] of the various parts of the [illegible] It is pointed out that the results [illegible] clear up the mystery of the immunity [illegible] of certain races to certain diseases, [illegible] plain the cat-and-dog antipathies [illegible] same races, and show us why certain [illegible] instincts and appetites are so prevalent in various people. Doctor Ba[illegible] foresees that the chemical test [illegible] would even greatly aid in shaping [illegible] migration and marriage laws.

Steel for Battleships.

Nearly 15,000 gross tons of steel will be needed to build the 63 various new battleships, destroyers and submarines, bids for the construction of which were taken by the United States navy in October. When these are added to our navy they will make it one of the most formidable in the world. Some enlightening statistics regarding these naval vessels appear in Popular Mechanics Magazine. In each of the four new battle cruisers there will be 15,025 tons of steel; in each of the four new battleships there will be 13,761 tons of steel; in the 20 new destroyers, 325 tons of steel each, and in the 30 new submarines, 180 tons each. A hospital ship and an ammunition ship will need 4,000 tons of steel each. Taking $70 a ton as the average price of steel at present, these vessels mean an outlay of not less than $10,000,000 for the steel only.

War on Mosquitoes.

The New Jersey Mosquito Extermination association has asked the legislature of that state to appropriate $100,000 for prosecution of scientific warfare on mosquitoes. This sum will be supplementary to funds provided by counties, cities and towns in the state for the same purpose. Part of the work consists in drainage of extensive salt marshes, filling in lowlands, studying the habits of the insects, oiling pools, etc. It is expected that in the course of the campaign more than 200,000 acres of now useless land where the insects propagate will be redeemed and made agriculturally available.

Not Like a Church.

The express elevator in one of the office buildings flew up to the tenth floor. Nobody called for a floor number, nobody spoke.

All at once a timid little voice said: "Mother, please, may I speak?"

"Of course, dear, why not?" answered mother.

"O, it is not here like in church then, isn't it?" came the quite relieved reply.

Academic Consolation.

About the only consolation for the high cost of living vouchsafed to college professors is that some of them are able to explain why it is.—Milwaukee Journal.