

should request the secretary of state to prepare a circular to be sent to all our ministers and consuls in the orient and South America asking about the rates of exchange during the past twelve years, and asking likewise, what changes there have been in the wage rates paid laborers, since the decline of 50 per cent or more in the value of silver as measured by gold. Our understanding is that in China and Japan the same rates are paid as were fifteen years ago, though their dollar has depreciated 50 per cent. If this is true, and we think there is no doubt about it, then the oriental manufacturer, so far as labor is concerned, or the price of his raw material, can afford to sell his wares at one-half what he held them at fifteen or twenty years ago. In the mean time wages have materially increased in this country. If it was hard to compete with orientals fifteen years ago, how is it now? How can our manufacturers hope to sell any goods to the countries which hold within their boundaries half the people of the world? Mr. Hill and Mr. Harriman have hauled off their ships from the trans-Pacific routes, because there is no freight for them. Long ago Hon. Thomas Reed said: "The white man, with his yellow money, cannot compete with the yellow man with his white money," and he spoke the exact truth. Our senators should, moreover, write to a few of the great manufacturers of the east, sounding them, as to their last fifteen years' experience in selling their wares to silver countries, because after the holidays there is going to be a strong effort made to try, by international agreement, to enlarge materially the use of silver, and those engaged should be fortified by every material fact obtainable. One great effort will be to get England to reopen her India mints, and the condition of affairs in that empire make it probable that this can be done. With that accomplished, England may likewise agree to the Graschen plan to call

in her guineas and put out in lieu of them notes redeemable in silver at a specific price. If this can be accomplished, the United States, if in earnest, with France, can commit the world to a permanent basis of exchange with silver-standard countries. The struggle will not be as it was before, especially if the movement can be started in New York, with Hill, Harriman and J. P. Morgan behind it. The friends of silver should be gathering all the data possible.

Diseases and Medical Remedies

A SYNOPSIS of a lecture by Dr. Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, Canada, delivered before the British association, is before us. The doctor is 76 years old, but has all the vigor and snap of a man a quarter of a century younger. He claims that he has invented a simple electrical instrument, through which he defies disease. He has thrown away spectacles which he had worn for years. The machine, he explains, acts directly on the inactive nerve centers, which become poisoned by noxious gases as people grow older. Cleaning them by electricity in consequence adds new vigor to the system, and greatly lengthens the span of life. The London Mail refers to the doctor as one who for years has been the foremost physician in Canada.

Before the association Doctor Carroll Dunham, of Harvard University, made some most alarming statements. He said that some people are the hosts of micro-organisms, though themselves immune. He told of a woman cook in New York who for two years was the cause of an epidemic of typhoid, she being all the time surcharged with typhoid germs, though in perfect health herself.

There was an outbreak of diphtheria in a girls' school, which was under the doctor's own observation. At last a maid servant was put in quarantine, and it was found that she was literally

surcharged with diphtheria germs, though personally in perfect health.

Dr. Elridge Green spoke on the theme of color-blindness. Many men who can pass all the other tests cannot distinguish red from green. Great fatigue may bring on color-blindness, which is a most serious danger in the running of trains and ships. The doctor declared that it is pretty well proved that 3,000 years ago men could only distinguish red, grey and violet, and that now not one person can distinguish all the seven colors, indigo being most difficult, while 5 per cent of the human family are dangerously color-blind.

Which reminds us of the old deacon's remark that "we is all poor critters." Suppose a young man's best girl is immune against disease herself, but is loaded up with diphtheria or typhoid germs. A Judas kiss would be nothing to hers. But possibly Dr. Sir James Grant's machine may be the right thing. If the very seat of life on earth is electricity, it is reasonable to hope that its proper use may kill disease. But then some men live too long anyway.

A PILGRIM.

By Clinton Scollard.

As onward o'er life's tortuous road
I plod my way and bear my load
Let me attempt, let me aspire,
To gain some goal of high desire.

By no false glamour on me shed
Let my adventurous feet be led,
But guided, though at times they tire,
To gain some goal of high desire.

Until for me the final sun
Outshines my pilgrim path upon,
Still be my aim, till light expire,
To gain some goal of high desire!

—New York Sun.

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