

shall they do their spooning? Will you compel them to seek darker places? That will be the result. I am looking for an acquaintance of the type Hansen wants, but can not find them in church, lecture or concert.—Sympathy.

PARTNER OF UNCLE SAM.—I made my acquaintance with Uncle Sam in the year 1880, and I liked the idea of Americanism, the business Uncle Sam was engaged in. My highest ideal was to become a partner with Uncle Sam, but he said: "Have patience and wait five years."

The present war in Europe, with its poisonous vapor, obscures the pure air of Uncle Sam's abode. The thundering cannons not only destroyed Europe's civilization, but also shattered the best minds of the world, Uncle Sam's included. And so we can hear him talk things out of his head. He is in delirium. He suffers from scare-fever. All you can hear him say is: "Army! Navy!" "Preparedness!"

His delirium comes from his stomach. He had a consultation of the two best physicians in the country, Dr. Reason and Dr. Common Sense, and they declared that he suffers from dyspepsia.

Since the European war began Uncle Sam has swallowed too great a quantity of gold and that affected his brain.

Just take a good look at him and see what a change his body has assumed. Why, he is almost unrecognizable! His stomach has fattened clumsily and his motions are slow.

Uncle Sam has been swallowing gold lately by the bushel. It is no wonder that he is in constant fear that some one may punch him. All this trouble emanates from his bad children, who parade the country under the false pretense of "patriotism." There are a few sons in his family who are certainly a bad set of kids and always ready to betray the Old Man as long as profits and divi-

dends are sure to come. For them preparedness is sport combined with interests, though it may prove death and destruction for the Old Man.

Unless my dear partner, Uncle Sam, does not abandon the idea of preparedness and does not forcefully declare "peace on earth and good will toward man" as his constant motto, nothing but trouble can come to us.—J. H. Steerman.

CRITICISM AND ACTION.—It is indeed amazing to see contributors of The Forum continually decry conditions and the rottenness of the system and yet take no active steps to ameliorate conditions. A number of these contributors blame all the evils on to lack of education, the impossibility to acquire an education and the kind of education handed out to us by the censored and politically-controlled schools. Some even go as far as roasting the liver out of Jacob Loeb as the Machiavelli of Chicago schools.

I am sure it is quite well-known to the readers of The Day Book that a real Workers' Institute has been launched and is successfully exercising its functions in Chicago.

This institute is no longer an experiment, and is not merely a protest against the Loeb idea of education, but is the only real remedy to do away in the simplest manner with the atrocities of our politically-controlled educational institutions. It puts the question of education into the hands of the workers themselves, without taking orders from philanthropists and Big Biz.

The institute needs men who can not only roast Loeb, but can come and help with their suggestions to build the institute, which is evidently a sore spot to Loeb.

What good does it do to shoot polished phrases in the air if they miss the target? Action is what counts. Let the workers establish and attend their own schools and there will be no need for Loeb.—Daniel A. Uretz—