

SOME REMARKS

Of More or Less Interest to the General Public.

The Czar of Russia, instead of being the "Little Father" is the great tyrant.

Now that we are to have a Canadian national mint it is hoped that the designs and faces on the coins will represent Canadian people or scenes. We are tired of seeing on our coins nothing but the faces of foreign monarchs. Also, with the growth of a Canadian navy there should be enough sentiment go along with it to add to it a distinguishing mark, so that when it goes abroad the world can distinguish them from European vessels.

The dismantling of Equinox and Halifax by the British does not mean the annexation of Canada to the United States, but that a power has arisen that will stand up for its rights against either.

Great is our civilization. It brings to the Colorado and Pennsylvania mine owners and the Standard Oil trust ever increasing dividends, and to the poor slaves who make this wealth the bull pen and exportation, want and starvation. In Canada it brings subsidies for transcontinental railroads, and the roads handed over to wealthy companies for nothing, and the knighting of their presidents, who have been clever enough to rob the people of these millions in a legitimate way. In India a periodical famine and a salt tax, which the starving ryot cannot pay, and often dies for want of. In Great Britain periodical depression and starvation and in a large part of Ireland wholesale starvation upon the failure of the potato crop. In the Transvaal an unjust war and the clearing out of white labor and the substitution of Chinese, and golden dividends and \$4,000,000 diamonds for the mine magnates. In Russia semi-starvation at wages not sufficient to keep life. Imprisonment or military service and the shooting down like dogs of the people when they petition the Czar for a redress of grievances. Truly our civilization is something of which we should feel proud.

In answer to a remark in an article in January JOURNAL in regard to matrimony, Bro. Stewart of the Chatham World has this to say:—

Yes, Martin, yes, but there is another side to the picture. The man who has no children never suffers the pain of seeing them go wrong. The man who has no son does not suffer the pangs of seeing his boy grow up to be a barroom loafer or a dawdling dude.

This is all very true in a way. My boy may grow up to be either,—and then, again, he may grow up to be a comfort and support to me in years to

come, when I have no other source to rely upon. At any rate I have shown that I am willing to take my share of the responsibilities as well as the pleasures of life. The excuse given above would be very much like a man who would be afraid to plant an orchard for fear the frost might kill the blossoms.

You have come through your misfortunes, Bro. Stewart, much better than I, in regard to providing for your material wants, and seem satisfied with everything in our civilization but the ladies. Don't be so cynical.

One fruitful cause of the success of the saloons and the consequent drunkenness in the cities, is the caste, exclusiveness and pride with which they (the cities) are cursed; which is beginning to extend its blighting influence even to the country.

People are not satisfied nowadays to be their natural selves, but affect a style and pose and manner of look and speech the reverse of natural, and band together in sets, and instead of enjoying true friendship, dawdle over tennis, five-o'clock teas and cribbage and saying nothings instead of doing anything useful; or they belong to the sporting class and spend their money in automobiles and summer residences or run after red tape and gold braid.

This thing is even carried into the churches, and the man in the back pew can count over the number and different degrees of caste by their dress and manner.

Is it then to be wondered at that the man who has no place else to spend an evening should go to a saloon. If people were neighborly and welcomed their neighbors, especially the young, to their homes and let the young folks associate freely they would grow up with a much better opinion of human nature in general and would not have to gratify a natural desire for friendly association in questionable resorts, and besides cultivate principles of manly independence and Christian duty of which they are now ignorant, if the barriers which caste and position have set up were only burned away. Can any one expect the respect of any one whom he scorns and excludes from his household? The only test should be character; and the people of one community should work together in brotherliness and neighborliness for the interests of all, setting aside those stumbling blocks to Christianity, Brotherly love and Christian duty as caste, fashion, aristocracy and prejudice.

A great outcry is being raised in the press because two murderesses, Mrs. Rogers of Vermont and Mrs. Edwards of Pennsylvania, have been sentenced to hang, although their crimes were premediated and carried out under the most cold-blooded and revolting circumstances. Mrs. Rogers secured four months respite from the Governor of the State after the gallows had been already erected and in less than an hour of the time set for her execution; for no other reason than that the Governor weakened at the last and could not give his sanction to the death of a woman.

However, much we may deplore the occasion and disbelieve in the death penalty we can see no reason why any favor should be extended to criminals on account of sex. This mock-chivalry toward women goes altogether too far. They are neither better nor worse than men, and should receive the same rights and suffer the same penalties.

A new diamond, estimated to be worth between four and five million dollars has recently been found in the Transvaal. It ought to be christened "The Grand Pretext."

The Czar has given \$25,000 to the survivors of his murdered victims. About a couple of dollars a piece. We did not think he valued them so highly.

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