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#### France and Her Tax Schemes.

A letter from France says that in order to cover up part of the deficiencies of the budget the French legislators recently proposed a piano tax. Such a law would not be impossible to enforce, the legislators thought, but soon they found out that difficulties were greater than they had imagined.

All the professionals rose up, pointed to the "Declaration des droits de l'homme," where it is written that every man has a right to work. They earned their living with their piano; to pay to keep themselves was against all conceptions of right, justice, etc. By forcing them to give up their career the State would be responsible for their failure in life, etc., etc., etc.

Such an assertion was alarming, and speedily someone proposed to establish a difference between the useful pianos and the merely ornamental ones. The useful ones were those belonging to a professional. They were to be exempt from all impost.

What kind of a piano, it was then asked, is the one belonging to a family where there are several children. One of the family is a professional, two are school-children who have to practise; the rest are young people delighting in ragtime and popular songs. How should this piano be taxed? Is it useful, ornamental, or obnoxious? This question being too hard to solve, the bill was abandoned.

Now there is some talk of putting a tax on nobility. The Garde des Sceaux used to keep a register of all the noble families, but since the seventies this custom has been abolished. The question is how to control the use and abuse of titles when there are very few or no documents.

The consequence of this bill, if it is passed, will be that for every title one will have to pay 3,000 francs a year for instance, a duke more, a baron less, etc. Those unable to pay the tax will lose their titles. If they persist in wearing their *enseignes* they may be fined from 300 to 10,000 francs, the French law punishing with a fine of the above amount those who use titles to which they have no right. So to be noble one must be rich.

On the other hand, any one able to pay can buy a title; the more he pays, the higher will his rank be.

Now, as Emile Faguet, of l'Academie Francaise, remarks, this is all right. But it involves a consequence which seems to have been forgotten, i. e., *la disparition du gentil-homme pauvre*. If one is noble one has to pay—if one can pay one is rich, ergo, the noble must be rich.

If he is poor, he cannot pay—if he does not pay he loses his title—the poor man is noble no longer. So adieu all interesting stories of the pale count and the impoverished baron! In the future every rich person can be noble, and a nobleman must be rich. The national Treasury will gain, but romance will lose. Such is the way of the world today.—C. D. G.

#### A Born Optimist.

When little Leander Bassett asked big Leander, his father, what an optimist was, Mr. Bassett regarded him thoughtfully for a moment before he spoke.

"I hope you're going to be one," he said, slowly. "You favor your Uncle William in looks, and you've got some of his ways. 'Twould please me mightily to have you turn out like him."

"I don't know how the big dictionaries put it, but I know the general idea, sonny, and it's your Uncle William clear through and through."

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"When we had wood to saw an' split, he used to call it a kind of a battle. He'd say, 'When we've disposed of this regiment,' pointing to a pile o' wood father'd portioned off to us, 'I think our troops will be able to

make off to the woods without further interference,' he'd say—and then we'd both hack away like mad."

"When it came to hoeing corn in the hot sun, and I'd got clean discouraged, he'd put his hand up to his eyes and say, 'Strikes me we're getting on pretty fast. When we've hoed these two rows and sixteen more, we'll be one more than half done, and plenty of time to finish.' He'd laugh when he said it, and I'd laugh with him."

"I couldn't always see it the same way he did, but I learned one thing—you can look right at any hard, disagreeable job till you can't see anything else, even when you turn away from it; or you can look through it, no matter how thick 'tis, same as William did. He was what I call an optimist."

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#### Really Worth Reading.

At certain times in the year, and particularly a month or two before the Christmas holidays, new books come into newspaper offices for review faster than any one man can possibly read and review them with justice either to himself or the books. He glances through them hastily, unless they are by noted authors, gets a salient point here and there, and "writes them up" as best he can. Then he forgets all about them.

"A friend came to me one day and expressed his gratification at the way in which I had written up a new novel by a comparatively unknown author," said the literary editor of a Chicago paper.

"You expressed my idea of it exactly," he said. "It is one of the remarkable books of the year. The plot is absolutely unique, the treatment of it is bold and original, and the dialogue crisp and delightful. It will make a great hit."

"Well," I said, "if it is as good as all that, I'll read it."

#### A Handsome Building but no Books.

The weak point in the Carnegie method of founding public libraries is becoming apparent in many communities. At the outset, many places have found it easy to believe that with a fine building and a generous provision for the needs of library administration they possessed an equipment of which they might be proud. Gradually, however, under the actual test of use, in which the building plays such a small part and the book collection the all important part, this complacency disappears, and the community begins to suspect that it has begun at the wrong end of the problem. Thoughtful readers come to regard the showy building as something of a public sham, while even the illiterates feel that something is wrong when repeatedly told the library is too poor to buy the books they want. A typical expression of this feeling is found in a recent editorial in one of the leading papers of Syracuse on the work and needs of the city library. "We have a very fine building," says the editor, "thanks to Mr. Carnegie's munificence, but its handsome exterior gives a very deceptive idea of the library proper, which is altogether unworthy of the building in which it is housed. The architectural shell is all right, but the meat, the kernel, is defective. If it were impossible to subtract \$80,000 from the cost of the building and put the money into new books, the library might not be so attractive from the outside, but its real utility would be immensely increased." So impressed are some of the leading men in the library profession with the seriousness of the defect here pointed out, and the discredit it is likely to bring upon the public library movement, that an effort is being made to bring about some modification in Mr. Carnegie's mode of promoting libraries, whereby with every new foundation there shall be provided a permanent fund for the regular purchase of reference and other standard works.—New York Post.

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Precise use of language has a moral as well as a scholastic value. A newspaper which lately referred to the death of a "once famous bank defaulter" did violence to the moral nature of every young man who read the phrase. No defaulter is famous; no burglar is truly great, and no counterfeiter is properly described by the adjectives used in characterizing honest men. Fame, according to a proper use of the word, is the result of meritorious success. A defaulter is infamous, and in order to prevent misapprehension as to the quality of his deeds, he should be so described.

War against "graft" has been raging in England as well as in this country. The new act for the prevention of corruption, which went into effect at the beginning of the year, takes cognizance even of the morals of domestic servants. It is made a penal offense for a servant to receive a commission, from a tradesman, on purchases made for the employer, except in cases where the employer grants permission. The new law should thus do away with one of the most annoying and sordid practices in English domestic life, which is also not unknown in this country.

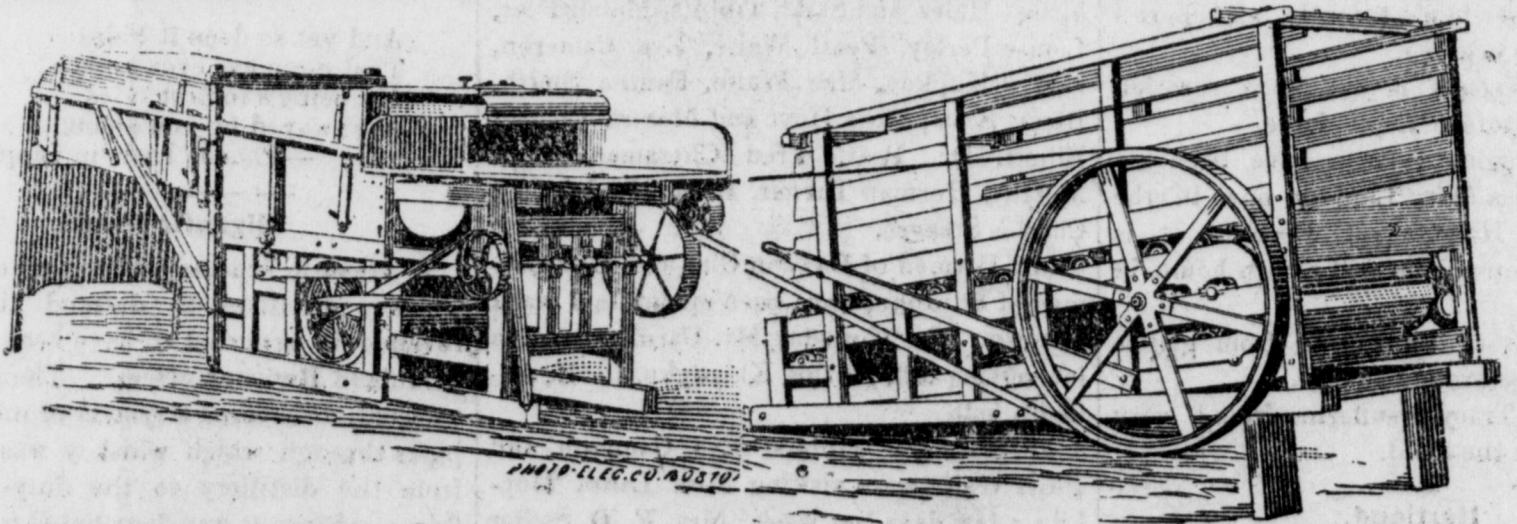
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