

Interlocked Directorates.

The finding of Dr. McEachran, in the inquiry into the methods of the beef trust of the western provinces, shows that in some lines of trade, at least, Canada like the United States, is suffering from combinations among buyers. Dr. McEachran finds that there is no competition among buyers of beef cattle for the big houses which control the markets; they divide off the territory between one another and that the buyer for one house does not encroach upon another's 'ground.' That is to say, there is practically a combine to fix prices. According to Mr. Patrick S. Nagle, in the Oklahoma Magazine, all the wealth and government of the United States is now controlled by what is known as The Interlocked Directorate. When a railway passes through a coal field, the president, officers and directors of the coal company, and thus the directorates are interlocked. The independent coal company is discriminated against by the interlocked directorate and the result is that the independent coal company passes out of business. When a railway passes through an oil field, companies are formed and the directorates are interlocked. The independent oil companies cannot compete. At Cleveland, says Mr. Nagle, there are five or six hundred producing wells, but all are idle. They cannot ship their oil because the Prairie Oil Company, which is a subsidia. J company to the Standard, is interlocked with the railway. The independent producer is offered three cents a barrel for his oil, and he cannot build refineries because he would be crushed in a few months by the powerful interlocked directorate. He cannot ship his oil for fuel because he cannot get rates.

It is the same with grain. The result of an investigation conducted by the United States Industrial Commission disclosed that the great grain-producing sections of the country have been divided into districts and allotted by the railways to certain favored elevator companies. Mr. Nagle gives the names of the elevator companies, which include the Bartlett-Frazier Company, the Peavey Elevator Company, the Richardson Company, and the Armour Elevator Co. In the place of the real competition for grain in the past, today, the farmer must hunt the different buyers in their offices, and each quotes him the same price. They have little concern as to which one buys the grain, as the profits are pooled. Mr. Nagle shows that what is true of coal and oil and grain is true of lumber and every other commodity: 'The price of everything you may have to sell is fixed by the interlocked directorate. The price of everthing you are compelled to buy is fixed by the interlocked directorate.' The steel combine can sell bad rails to the railways and kill people because the two are practically interlocked. Mr. Nagle seems to think that there is salvation in the initiative and referendum; in public ownership. At any rate, he has shown the people of the United States where they stand economically; has shown them that the price is fixed for them both ways; that competition has been eliminated; and that the 'interlocked directorate' or the 'prodominating form of wealth' controls the government. In Canada, we have, or have had, a paper trust, a tebacco trust, a labor trust, and now, it would seem. a meat trust. Individual firms have interlocked from one end of the country to the other to dictate terms and compel consumers to give them what profits they pleased. How far this interlocking has been done indirectly as well as directly we do not know; but the power exercised by protected interests over our government is shown in the millions wasted in bonuses. - Montreal Wit-How's This?

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Mr. Bayard, former American ambassador to England, when at an anniversary dinner of the Royal Society, proposed a toast to its president, Lord Lister, and addressed him as

"My lord, it is not a profession, it is not a nation, it is humanity itself which, with un covered head, salutes you!"

The man to whom such words were spoken has robbed surgery of the greater part of its dangers. In 1846 either came into use. Patients were more willing to submit to the knife than before, and surgeons were emboldened. Yet, with a large increase in the number of operations, the results were no more certain. No matter how skilfully an operation was performed, its outcome was regarded with anxiety and dread by the physicians as well as the laity.

In the sixties Lister, practising in the hospitals, was greatly depressed by the deathrate caused by wounds and accidents and operations. He tried to help matters by careful attention to sanitary conditions, but his efforts made little difference. Then he gave himself to the study of the mysteries of sepsis, or putrefaction.

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A piece of information that is continually in request is a recipe for whitewash that will not wash off. We do not suppose there is such a thing, but the following is considered as good an article as there is in its line. It was used by U. S. Grant to whitewash the White House at Washington. Some time ago there was published an autograph letter, written in December, 1871, by Mr. Grant, then president of the United States, to a friend in California, in which this formula was given. Half a bushel of unslaked lime. Slake with warm water; cover it during the process to keep in the stream. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer; add a peck of salt previously well dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste, and stir in boiling bot; half pound of powdered Spanish whiting, and a pound of glue which has previously been dissolved over a slow fire, and add five gallons hot water to the mixture; stir well, and let it stand for a few days, covered up from the dirt. It should be put on hot. One pint of the mixture will cover a square yard, properly applied. Small brushes are best. There is nothing that can compare with it for outside or inside work, and it retains its brilliancy for many years. Coloring matter may be put in, and made of any shade-Spanish brown, yellow, ochre or common clay.

Spoiling Children's Minds.

The average person does not seem to realize the absolute injury that he does to his children by the admission into his home of the so-called 'comic supplements,' of the modern newspaper. It is sad enough when the parent himself wastes his time over socalled funnyisms and distorted art (!) which these supplements contain. But at least he We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for is supposed to have the intelligence to give any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by this poor stuff the low relative place to which, if it has any at all, it is entitled. But the child cannot do this. He accepts the slang iu which the low wit is couched as current speech, adopts it and uses it as his own. He accepts the meaningless wit as his idea of humor and receives the distorted figures and badly-drawn pictures as his conception of art. So, in language, in literature and in art, he receives his first idea at the most impressionable party of his life from these hideous American plagues. Does the average father Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. realize this? Does he realize the absolutely

false note that he strikes in this way on the mind and in the character of his own child at the beginning of its own life? For it must not be forgotten that in spirit, conception, writing and art there is not a single spark of sincerity or honest effort in these pages. The whole thing is false, born of the most uncompromising spirit of commercialism, and issued without regard to any principle higher than to 'sell the paper.' We may choose to excuse these 'supplements' as fleeting in their influence, and on the ground that they 'amuse the children,' who forget them. But we need only look back to our own childhood and quickly prove to ourselves the untruth of such an argument. Childhood influences are tremendously potent; impressions made upon us in the first fifteen years of our lives are practically ineffaceable. If they were otherwise, why do we take so much pains in training our children? Childhood memories are not fleeting; they are permanent; and in that very fact lies the incalculable injury of these 'supplements.' Few things latterly devised by the mind of man are likely to prove so pernicious to the future ideas of our children as these modern despoilers of the youthful mind. It is, indeed, a pity when a parent so far forgets the right proportion of things as to allow his child's initial ideas to be formed or influenced hy a literature so low and an art so false. -Success.



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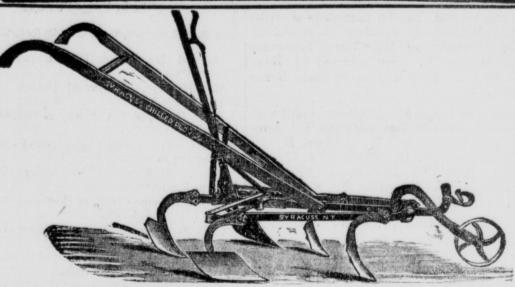
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