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Socialism and the Epidemic. In this country Socialists have been urged and even in rare cases intimidated to keep out of the ranks of the militia. This is a more candid method than that advised by the Socialist guides of Europe, where the subject was recently handled by the Frenchman and a German in much the same strain. In a Socialist congress at Jena the German leader of the party, Herr Bebel, who is a member of the German parliament, asserted that the German reserves and landwehr were "Socialists to a man" and said that if called upon to suppress Socialist disorders would join the ranks of the malcontents. Socialists in Germany may have some excuse for confusing their personal with their patriotic interests, for the emperor, who is the head of the army, is himself an offender in this way. But in lands where the people rule, the soldiers, the are of the people, should stand by their principles. They should either avoid the army or be true to its principles. To this view M. Herve, who recently addressed a congress of freethinkers in Paris, would object. He holds that the true religion of the workman is to labor and that Socialist recruits should draw their weapons against man and turn them against capital. Men capable of that form of meanness would be likely to turn on their Socialist comrades at the slightest provocation.

The Alleged Slayer of Custer. The death recently of Rain-in-the-Face, one of the most desperate as well as the most treacherous of the Indians involved in the massacre of Custer's band in the battle of Little Big Horn, revives the conflicting stories of that memorable tragedy. Rain-in-the-Face boasted that he killed Custer with his own hand. Of all the surviving chiefs he alone was bitterly of Custer. He declared that he aroused the Indians under Sitting Bull to give battle because he wanted vengeance on the Custer family for his capture some time before by Captain Tom Custer, brother of the general, who also fell at Little Big Horn. On one point all the Indians agreed. They described the affair as a melee not lasting more than twenty minutes, the Indians acting under the general order to surround the soldiers and kill them all. Chief Gall declared that he was in command of the party which fired the last shot, and he did not know that General Custer was on the ground. All of the Indians present in the fight spoke reluctantly of their part in it, with the single exception of Rain-in-the-Face. They were on the warpath and, encountering the troops, fought in their savage way to win. Rain-in-the-Face had the last word, and his story of the tragedy has been generally accepted as the truth.

A Friend of Homeless Boys. Recently there died in London one of the great hearted workers of the slums, who gained the title "Father of Nobody's Children." This was Thomas John Barnardo, who from early manhood to old age looked after the boys who "didn't live nowhere." Over forty years ago Barnardo, then a young physician, became interested in a group of boys of the street who slept in empty packing boxes, on low roofs or in arched ways and saw his life mission among the homeless of London. Dr. Barnardo's plan went far beyond the distributing of charity food and tracts. He founded homes for the homeless and taught them good trades, giving a start in life which is the boy's natural right. He rescued more than 50,000 waifs from the streets of London and also other English cities, where he extended his labor far and besides that left a noble legacy in his example of never shirking a duty however dangerous or irksome. He did not seek the mission. It was forced upon him while making professional rounds among the poor of the city during an epidemic.

Excessive Water Drinking. Dr. K. Beerwald of Berlin is opposed to the free drinking of water so often advised. He says that excessive water drinking not only produces temporary disturbance; it also creates direct organic disorders. The heart and kidneys are particularly affected by the excess, and in these cases the vascular system is overcharged and the heart and kidneys overworked. Proof of such a condition is frequently seen in cases of slight injury. A man who suffers recently from colds, influenza, and other ailments may well consider that excessive water is a sign that the amount of fluid in the body is not kept within bounds and that this condition must be remedied by opposing the feeling of thirst. Dairy Farm For Sale—130 acres, good buildings, extra fine soil, 4 1/2 miles from Duane and Barrington, excellent prices \$75.00 per acre, balance 5 per cent. Send your money postal for farm list. Wolaver & Reese, Duane, Ill. 41

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Mark Twain on his last visit to his birthplace—Hannibal, Mo.—told to the school children a true story about a schoolboy. "Well," he said, "awake one morning very ill. His groans alarmed the household. The doctor was sent for and came posthaste. "Well," said the doctor as he entered the bedroom, "what is the trouble?" "A pain in my side," said the boy. "Any pain in the head?" "Yes, sir." "Is the right hand stiff?" "A little." "How about the right foot?" "That's stiff too." "The doctor winked at the boy's mother. "Well," he said, "you're pretty sick, but you'll be able to go to school on Monday. Let me see, today is Saturday and—" "Is today Saturday?" said the boy in a vexed tone. "I thought it was Friday." "Half an hour later the boy declared himself healed and got up. Then they packed him off to school, for it was Friday after all.—Philadelphia Record.

The Ghost Quit. With the aid of the two candles which I lighted I discovered the grate in the wall near the head of the bed, and on examining it closely I perceived that there was a fire in it. The grate would have held quite a double handful of coal if carefully put on; the fire, which seemed to be flickering so feebly, had just had the energy to draw all the warmth of the chamber up the chimney, and I stood shivering in the temperature of a subterranean dungeon. The place instantly gave evidence of being haunted, and the faintness of my nerves on this point was corroborated by the spectral play of the freights on the ceiling when I blew out my candles. In the middle of the night I woke to the sense of something creeping with a rustling noise over the floor. I rejected the hypothesis of my bed curtain falling into place, though I remembered putting it back that I might have light to read myself drowsy. I knew at once that it was a ghost walking the night there, and walking hand. Suddenly it ceased, and I knew why. It had been frozen out.—W. D. Howells in Harper's Magazine. Call at THE REVIEW office and see over 200 samples of calendars for 1906. Prices lower than ever.

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The Two Lionesses. The lionesses led by Louis Kosuth, who struck for liberty over half a century ago had the hearty sympathy of Americans in that struggle. They were fighting for self government, which was then denied them by Francis Joseph of Austria. Today Francis Kosuth, son of the patriot, is leading a fight against the aged emperor on quite other grounds than the principle of human right. The Hungarians are now masters of their own co-concurs, and it is difficult to understand why they should wish to throw off the authority of a sovereign who has given them all the rights which are their due. The cause of the dispute between Francis Kosuth's party and Francis Joseph is that of the language to be used in the Hungarian army. The emperor insists upon German words of command, and the Hungarians ask for commands in their own Magyar tongue. To the rule that the majority of the population is to govern, the uniformity of language is the last sign of unity between the two races. It looks as though Francis Joseph may witness a recurrence of the disruption and revolution under which he ascended the throne half a century ago and that the long association of the kingdom of Hungary and the Austro-Hungarian empire may come to an end during the lifetime of the venerable emperor-king.

The Boycott as Seen in the East. Shanghai comment on the Chinese boycott of American goods is not reassuring for peaceful relations with China. On the one hand it is respected by the English press that anti-American sentiment is spreading, but it is claimed that this is only an incident of the general feeling against all foreigners. One paper declares that the present movement may at any moment be turned into a general agitation against all foreigners. Outside of the treaty ports the foreigner has never been welcome in China. The Shanghai Times frankly says that there are signs pointing to serious disturbances, involving foreigners of all nations. This paper asserts that the viceroys are secretly hoaxed with the boycotters or else are intimidated by them. Doubtless the triumph of Japan over a powerful and hated white race has intensified the dislike of the yellow men for all whites. The American exclusion law is a convenient pretext for designing leaders to seize upon. When that has lost its force some sort of Germany or England may extend the trouble and involve all outsiders.

After experimenting with "age limit" rules the three railroads which first adopted them have abandoned the idea. While it is a sensible thing to be young, it is also good to keep learning while living on. Some brats at fifty and over are worth more than they ever were under thirty, and there is no room for competition between the various ages. All depends upon the man and not upon the years he has lived.

The twin screw steamer Bremen was recently towed into Halifax with both propellers disabled, a rare occurrence if not an isolated one. The idea of having two propellers is partly to safeguard a ship from being totally disabled. In this case the accident which broke the port shaft also disabled the starboard propeller, and the Bremen was in the same plight as a single screw ship would have been under the same circumstances.

Emigration from the famine stricken districts of Spain is toward South America. Hitherto few Spaniards have been found among our immigrants, but the recent distress in Spain may increase the number of Spaniards who will choose the United States for their home. They naturally seek the climate of the south.

Two United States army lieutenants have resigned their commissions to accept high rank and pay in the military establishment of China, where they will act as drill masters and instructors in the art of war. Perhaps there is a future "Chinese Gordon" in the pair.

As between political predictions on the size of majorities and predictions of the weather prophet, we pin our faith to the weather prophet. Full of Tragical Meaning are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes: "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases—croup, whooping-cough, influenza, pneumonia. At Barrington Pharmacy; druggists; guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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