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In spite of their long standing feuds the Hindus and Mohammedans are uniting in the boycott of British products in India. The spirit of nationality is abroad, and behind the boycott there is undoubtedly patriotic resentment against foreign rule.

Only about 10 per cent of the \$10,000,000 appropriated for the Panama canal has been expended for actual digging, but the committee claims that the remainder has been devoted to preparation for future work.

ISN'T THIS TRUE?

It is difficult for women living in large cities or progressive American towns to realize the condition of thousands of their sex in more remote country places. Notwithstanding the public libraries and the daily papers which penetrate into distant corners of our land, whole communities of American women exist today who know little of anything beyond their own neighborhood. Worse still, these women are well to do in worldly goods and able to buy books and periodicals if they did not think the saving of money more important than the cultivation of their minds.

A certain woman worked to her home for twenty years from moonlight till night in order to help her husband gather enough money to build a new house. Never was there a book in her hand, never was she known to journey farther than the limits of her town. She became ill, needed rest, but the new house was already planned and she would not tire herself, although able to do so, because the habit of saving had led her in its clutches. She lives to see the new home built and lived in the "spare room." In a year a young wife took possession of the home which cost the life of the first wife.

In the country towns of any state you will find women in fine homes, ignorant of the literature of the world and who do not even take time to read papers or magazines. They look old enough to be the mothers of city women of the same age. Fretful worries and cares have taken all the youth and beauty from their faces.

What is the benefit of money saved by such sacrifices? The writer when at the St. Louis Exposition met a woman who had worked 16 floors and out for a lifetime and had not been beyond the limits of her farm in twenty years. She was about fifty years old to judge by the appearance of her husband, but seemed seventy. Her body was stiff and awkward and her new clothing worn with discomfort. She was ill at ease but anxious to tell of her husband's wealth.

"My husband has often traveled in his business," she said, "but I always stay at home to look after things. Now we are rich, I mean to see a little of the world."

But how much better had she seen a little of the world as she went along, and accustoming herself to its ways and ideas.

No husband is doing his duty by his wife who encourages her in such a starved life. No woman is using the life God gave her to its best advantage who works for years with no food for the mind, eye or soul, save the thought of saving money. Better live in the old house with memories of happy hours spent in looks and music; better take vacation jaunts than to live a starved existence that some other woman or your own broken down self may boast of.

Subscribe for magazines, daily papers; give your mind larger subjects of thought and conversation than neighborhood happenings and set higher goals for your souls than a hoard of money. Learn a little each day about the people who lived in the world before you and those now living whose lives are different than yours. Give your body good care and do not be ashamed to try to keep you in your face and heart. There is no excuse for ignorance or ugliness in the world today. The woman who allows herself to be ignorant or unkempt in middle life is a pauper, no matter if she owns millions of money.

Our Present Jury System.

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but the defendant's attorney was a man of great ability, and by working upon the sympathy of the jury, by calling the owner a greedy, heartless wretch, trying to rob a poor man, the jury gave the defendant the farm by their verdict. The court promptly set aside the finding with the remark that he wished it understood that it took 13 men to steal a farm in that court. The setting aside of jury findings is a recognized institution in our courts, and I ask you in the light of reason, what sort of a commentary is this upon the sacred function of trial by jury? Does it look like a sound business proposition? Let us see what so great a man as Secretary Taft says upon the subject of administration of the criminal law. In strong and so uncertain language in an address to the Law School of Yale College:

"The administration of the criminal law in all the 48 states of the Union, (there may be one or two exceptions) is a disgrace to our civilization. The judge forbidden to express any opinion on the facts of the case is limited in function to that of a moderator in religious assembly, and the verdict becomes rather the vote of a town meeting than the sharp, clear decision of the tribunal of justice. So many preliminary challenges are allowed to the accused that the defendant's counsel is able to eliminate from all the panels a score of jurors of character and standing in the community, and to assemble in the jury box a collection of non-senscripts of no character, weak and amenable to every breeze of emotion, boisterous and unscrupulous to the issue. The result of our lax administration of the criminal law is that in 1883 there were 121,351 murders and homicides, and 2,286 executions. In 1885 the number of murders was 1,808; in 1904 it has increased to 8,452." Even John Chinaman takes a fling at it in this way: "This law first class 'Moo' kills man, dead off. No sentence him to be hanged, but he may contain it out of his body law second class. How can you, maybe allow same head off. Mean law is good, too much to be a law. This aptly illustrates the 'rule of exceptions' as practiced in our courts, which are made solely for the purpose of carrying the case to the higher courts because the trial judge allowed, or did not allow certain evidence to go to that learned and omniscient body of 12 men and 12 women the jury." A writer has said: "This is an unemancipated age."

Among Americans, as they average, deserters from the army are held in contempt, a fact that the generals ought to know when they are looking for excuses for the man's desertion. But our citizens will not take to catching deserters any more readily than their fathers did to returning runaway slaves before the war.

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Consult Dietrich of Bremen writes that grain dealers all over Europe complain of the bad condition of corn shipped from the United States. The specific charges is that grain certified to be of good and sound quality arrives "damp and overladen, moldy and filthy." In view of the bumper crop of this year the consul suggests that no American corn be shipped across the ocean "except if it be fully ripe, fully dry and well protected while in transit."

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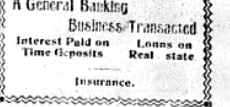
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