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THE GOVERNOR'S POWERS.

The proposed Merchants Bill for a uniform accounting system, seems to us to have at least one weak spot in it. This is the power it gives to the governor to interest himself in the affairs of each county and township.

In the hands of an honest and high-minded man this would be excellent. The state has just had, however, an example of what might happen should a busybody be elected again to the office of governor of Indiana.

One man power as advocated and used by Hanly would be largely augmented by such a law as that proposed, which would give the govern-

or the right to order an investigation of the books of any county at any time.

Such a system could be made a political club of great advantage to politicians and of little real value to the people. We believe that a system with the state auditor at the head, with county balance sheets for-warded for inspection and biennial audit by a state committee would be all that is necessary. We wish no more of one man power in Indiana.

Good old Missouri has again showned that action is far better than words. While the United States Government has been trying to make some of the Standard Oil Company incriminate themselves and has been failing miserably in the task, Missouri has taken the facts as they stand and thrown the Standard bodily out of that state. All of which shows that in spite of the blustering of Roosevelt, states still have

the power to do what they have than the national administration.

Cannibal Cows.

"Now, children," said the pretty teacher, "I want you all to write a composition on the cow. You know what a cow is. You know that a cow gives us all the milk we drink. Now, write me something original about the cow as you know her, nothing commonplace." It would take several pages to print the results, but there is room for at least one composition by a girl of seven:

"A cow is a quadruped having four legs and four feet. She gives milk and sometimes has horns, but not always. The cow's baby is called a calf and sometimes bossy. When a cow talks she lows. A cow with horns can hook, but a cow without horns is helpless. A cow is a carnivorous animal when she has a chance, but she ordinarily eats grass, if there is any. A cow is a cannibal if you let her alone, for she will eat her own kind."

The horrified teacher exclaimed: "Sally May, where on earth did you get the idea, the ridiculous idea, that a cow is carnivorous and a cannibal? You meant to say that a cow is herbivorous or granivorous."

"No, teacher, I read it in the Holy Bible. Don't you remember there were seven fine fat cows feeding near a brook and seven lean and hungry cows came and ate them up? See Genesis xlii, 4."

Teacher reserved decision.—New York Press.

What Generosity Means.

"Many people get the credit of being generous who never felt a single generous impulse in their lives," says a close student of human nature.

Their generosity, so called, has consisted simply in formal, cold, grudging almsgiving, carried out at the call of duty and unaccompanied by any spontaneous burst of feeling or sympathy."

The highest generosity is full of strong, unhesitating self effacement and always inspires, except in debased natures, feelings of gratitude and affection. Almsgiving is one of the least of its attributes. It more often takes the form of helpfulness, sympathy and understanding. It gives forth compassion and encouragement of a kind which is far beyond money value.

"The secret of generosity is unselfishness, and the way to acquire it is to cultivate universal love and sympathy."

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Random Shots.

I shot an arrow into the air; it fell in the distance, I knew not where, till a neighbor said that it killed his calf, and I had to pay him six and a half (\$6.50). I bought some poison to slay some rats, and a neighbor swore that it killed his cats, and rather than argue across the fence I paid him four dollars and fifty (\$4.50) cents. One night I set sallying a toy balloon and hoped it would soar till it reached the moon. But the candle fell out on a farmer's straw, and he said I must settle or go to law. And that is the way with the random shot—it never hits in the proper spot. And the joke you spring, that you think so smart, may leave a wound in some fellow's heart.—Atchison Globe.

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From Medicine to the Drama.

The earlier part of Victorien Sardou's career was beset with many trials and difficulties. His parents wished him to take up a medical career, and he began his studies with some zeal. The love of the drama, however, was far greater than the love of the pill box, and in the interval of the other work Sardou was busy upon a play. Life was a struggle for him, for he had little money, though he managed to get journalistic work to supplement his more slender income. His first play was a failure, and Sardou rushed from the theater vowing never to enter one again. He fell seriously ill, was nursed back to health by Mlle. de Brecourt, an actress who lived on a floor below, and from that time his fortune was made.

A Friend In Need.

About half an hour had been expended by the bashful young man in a series of advances and retreats, and little Johnny's cramped position behind the sofa was becoming somewhat painful.

"I wish I dared"—the young man commenced on a new attack, when the couple were electrified by an impatient exclamation behind them: "Aw, make a break! She's dead easy!"—Brooklyn Life.

Literary Irrigation.

"Your latest novel seems very dry," said the reader of the publishing house to the young and rising author.

"I was pretty sure you would say that," rejoined the author. "Consequently if you will count them you will find the heroine weeps real tears on just 233 pages of my story!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Inconsistent.

Howell—Rowell is an inconsistent fellow. Powell—That's right; he would tell you take all the time you wanted and then have you arrested for stealing his watch.—New York Press.

Public Opinion.

The single snowflake—who cares for it? But a whole day of snowflakes who does not care for that? Private opinion does not care, but public opinion is almost omnipotent.

Wolfskin makes the best banjo parchment.

Hotel Grafters.

The proprietor of one of the largest hotels in New York, speaking of the uses made by nonpaying customers of his house, said to a rural guest a few days ago: "We have a large number of patrons from whom we never collect a cent, although we have no such thing as a free list. They come here in the morning, pick up a castoff paper, which they read, keeping an eye open for another, which they grab as soon as it is dropped. After reading awhile they stand at the ticker, often giving long lectures to their fellows on financial conditions and stock possibilities. The overcoat becomes burdensome, and it is taken to the check room, where its owner knows it will be perfectly safe. Then, if they can tear themselves from the ticker, letters are written on our stationery. They do not use our telephones because we charge an extra 5 cents for the call, but they carry home matches, toothpicks, blank cards and blotters and use the soap in our lavatories. They also take generous nibbles of the cheese and crackers in the cafe. The strangest part of all is this—that the majority of this class are well to do and highly respectable, and on that account we do not shut them out."—New York Tribune.

The Sleeping Sickness.

The terrible sleeping sickness of tropical Africa is discussed at length in an article in Popular Mechanics. The disease, which long baffled scientists, is spread by the tsetse fly, a bloodsucking, day flying insect.

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