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(Raoul De Saint Rene.)

Paris, Sept. 7.—The Duke of Litta-Visconti-Arese (whose wife was Miss Jane J. Perry of Charleston, S. C.) is making an important experiment in socialism on his estate in Lombardy, where he has formed among the peasants a co-operative society which has proved greatly to their benefit economically and socially.

The duke is practically the first Italian nobleman to take any interest in the welfare of the peasants on his land and is a pioneer of land reform in Italy. The peasants have hitherto been ground down under the "fittajouli" system—the farming of the land by the proprietors to speculators, who made big fortunes by robbing the land owner and oppressing the peasants. The fittajouli pays the owner a fixed sum for the privilege of exploiting the land and the peasants pay their rent in kind. The system is obviously open to graft on a big scale.

All this has been changed by the Duke of Litta since he came into possession of his estate of Casal-Litta. He began his campaign by writing a series of articles showing the deplorable condition of the Lombardy peasants. The articles raised a considerable stir, and an agitation among the peasants on the Duke's estate resulted in the "fittajouli" breaking his contract and abandoning the estate.

This gave the duke an opportunity to put his ideas in practice. He united 137 heads of families dependent on the estate into one society, for which he framed by-laws, and the peasants elected their president, vice president and committee. For six years he has carried on the social arrangement with his tenantry, which has worked splendidly so far as the peasants are concerned. The duke himself loses \$10,000 a year by the system, but he is content with the great improvement in the condition of the peasants. Speaking of their condition under the "fittajouli" system, the duke said: "They were sneaks; they never appeared to look any one in the face; they were false in every respect, and it seemed as if they could only defend their position by endeavoring to mystify the farmers as much as they could."

"But they look and act more like men now. Contrary to the custom of Italian peasants, who eat no meat, they have meat three times a week—an improvement of which I am very proud."

No politician in Italy has attempted a solution of the land question. I have been a pioneer in the direction of my experiment. I might have had a much higher rental from my estate, but I prefer to abandon \$10,000 and see the peasants contented and well off."

The Duke of Litta, besides a land reformer, is an author of note, and is about to have published a novel in English. His American wife is an enthusiastic supporter of the English woman's suffrage movement.

A remarkable idea of their duty has been manifested by some Paris policemen to take a young woman, named Anne Fressee, to the hospital. Anne had been attacked by her sweetheart, a man named Charles Dureaux, a wood carver, because she left him, and inflicted on her seven serious wounds, with one of the implements of his trade.

The policemen who were called in thought that in order that the conditions under which the injuries were inflicted might be thoroughly well understood, they had to leave the weapon in the wound. They did this, and in this manner took her to the hospital.

The short journey there occupied some two hours, during which the poor girl suffered the greatest agony. Her assailant has now been sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

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Railroad traveling in France, even if no accident occurs, is a terrible risky undertaking, if the crop of bacilli gathered in a first-class car on the Bordeaux express is really as dangerous as the names and descriptions imply.

The dust taken from the most luxurious cars on this famous express traveled on analysis ten different spe-

cies of deadly germs, each potent to produce fearful diseases. Here are their names and the diseases associated with them:

Pepicillium glaucum (appendicitis).

Asperbellus niger (indigestion).

Bacterium termo (general debility).

Stapeloecus pyrogenes aureus (phlegmian).

Micrococcus tetrangos (tuberculosis).

Koch's bacillus (tuberculosis).

Klebsioffer's bacillus (diphtheria).

Coli bacillus (typhoid).

Streptococcus lanceolatus niger (pneumonia).

Legros's bacillus septicus (gangrene).

Curiously enough, the second and third class cars yielded less deadly microbes in numerical degree, showing apparently, that the more luxuriously fitted the cars the more germs they harbor. The railroad company proposes to clear out the bacilli by means of vacuum cleaning, which sucks the dust up from the recesses of the cushions.

The season at Trouville, and the racing have been very brilliant, for all Paris is present. The racing at this, the most fashionable of all the French seaside resorts, is the second next to that of Paris, and Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, whose horses have been having some success, is seen frequently round and about the course.

The day of the visitor to Trouville Deauville at the height of the season, which lasts but a few weeks, is a very crowded one, with the morning dip, the promenades, the races, the pigeon shooting, tennis and the splendid performances in the Casino in the evening.

For some days gloom was thrown over the gay society by the sad and sudden death of Mlle. Margy, the beautiful opera singer who came down here in search of health, and the equally sudden death of a well-known sportsman, M. Jean Boussod, whose stables were some years ago very famous. Among the well-known Americans here are: Mrs. Rutherford Stuyvesant, Countess de Ganay, Princess Murat, Mrs. Perry Belmont and Mr. Charles Carroll.

A new bed has been invented which should be a boon alike to those suffering from insomnia and those also who sleep too long. The bed is the invention of a simple Swiss workman. As soon as one lies down on it the pressure of the body sets into motion a hidden mechanism and the beautiful dreamy "Berceuse" by Goddard is heard. This lasts long enough for the wakeful person to be lulled into gentle slumber. At the head of the bed a clock is fixed and one places the hand at the hour one wishes to rise in the morning. The next morning at the hour indicated, the bed begins to play a waltz by Wagner, with trumpets, trombones, violins, cellos, etc., which makes enough noise to wake even the "Seven Sleepers" themselves.

Gabriele d'Annunzio, the great Italian author, is engaged on an extraordinary amount of work at present. He has in hand five separate works widely differing in character, which is probably a record in the literary output of a famous writer.

The works in question as four plays and one short romance. Of the two tragedies, one is founded on the story of Tristan and Isolde, and the other, "La Nave," glorifies the ancient sea power of Venice. The other two plays are comedies of modern life. The single story has the engaging title, "Perhaps Yes. Perhaps No."

It will soon be possible to travel by train from Paris to Tokio, a railroad journey of about 9,000 miles. The Japanese capital will be linked up with the Trans-Siberian railroad by the new Corean road, a ferry from Fushu, Corea to Shimonoseki, the Japanese port, and thence by the existing railroad to Tokio.

When the cars are built a "train de luxe" will run daily between Tokio and Japan.

A criminal from the rural districts who had heard all about appeals to the supreme court and who had been convicted of a penitentiary offense was asked by the judge if he had anything to say. "I just want to ax one question judge." He stooped down, picked up his slouch hat from the floor, as though ready to depart, and said: "What-houts is this here supreme court at?"

The Stomach Dispensable?
An operation for the removal of the stomach in a Chicago hospital presented a problem to the surgeon whether the stomach could be removed and the patient be none the worse for it. Before the discussion had well died out, the patient died. It was discovered that he had no stomach. To keep the stomach in good condition, and cure constipation, indigestion, etc., use the great heart-laxative compound, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Peppermint. Druggists sell it at 3 cents and \$1 a bottle.

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"As thou knowest not what is the life of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all." Ecclesiastes, xi. 5.

"It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

"And so it is written. The first man Adam was made a living soul: the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural: and afterward that which is spiritual."

"The first man is of the earth, earthly: the second man is the Lord from heaven." 1Cor. xv, 44, 45, 46, 47.

Editor Palladium:

Friend Easterday certainly is to be congratulated for his expertise in "ducking" the issues involved in this controversy, and the glossy assurance with which he begs the question: did he exhibit a show of common honesty in these efforts, he would have the writer's deepest sympathy, for one is more than "up against it," as the boys say, when one attempts to ignore atomic matter, organic life or material existence, positive philosophy and the exact physical sciences, the wisdom of the ages and holy writ. Away back in the second century one, Montanus, promulgated a very similar doctrine, his disciples were more numerous and erected more costly church edifices than Mrs. Eddy's have, they termed themselves pneumatic, meaning air-like, a much more appropriate name than "christian science."

Evidently Mr. Stanhope Easterday presumes that your readers will peruse only his articles, and hence he may misquote and distort my language to suit his own peculiar contentions. We challenge him to point out to the Palladium readers wherein the writer's "exposition of the complicated anatomy of the human body presents weak points," and wherein his bible quotations conflict." With Mrs. Eddy, he denies that "the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." If a "christian scientist" could be induced to look at some "dust of the ground" with a modern microscope, among the atoms of dead inorganic matter will be seen hundreds of minute living organisms with a life history in no wise differing from the world of larger sentient beings—"Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee." "Life comes from antecedent life," is all that man in his essentially material state, can ever know of the immortal life-entity or vital force itself; but by observation and scientific study of the phenomena of life, as manifest in and through protoplasm or living matter, one may learn something of the wonderful "works of God who maketh all."

This only can one know that there is absolutely nothing "mystic" or supernatural about life, that the supernatural, superstition and mystery are born of our own ignorance of the marvelously unerring and inevitable laws that govern and control every phenomena in the whole universe; and by a candid study of the physiologic "splendors of the human body" in triumvirate man, one may learn something of "what is the way of the spirit," and "how the bones do grow." What rational mind will say that this is "creature worship?" "But ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air shall tell thee; or speak to the earth, and shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee." Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul (or life) of every living thing, and the breath (or spirit) of all mankind?" Job xii, 7, 8, 9, 10.

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