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CHAP.

The other evening Chap came into this office with a pathetic expression of great difficulty on his face. His master had been away for a week and during that time Chap—a faithful servant and bulldog—had been scouring the city of Richmond. With all the meaning of his inarticulate question on his face, he asked plainly, "where's he."

Masterlinck, in his essay on the dog—the hero, also a bulldog—says that ne envies the dog because he has a visible and tangible God. A dog may bask in his master's good humor and approbation. And when the cat question comes up, he it is who punishes. There is no uncertainty about the pleasure of the deity.

If this view of the question has any weight—the expression on his face was "They have taken my Lord and I know not where they have laid him." There is, of course, an interval or two when a dog may be distracted by a cat or a piece of meat—the excitement of barking at wagons—but when his master is away—it becomes one steady round of search. It is a feeling of being lost without stirring from home.

All honor to Chap—he may have certain undesirable characteristics when it is your wagon and your cat he barks at. But you really do not count with Chap. It is not because they are your property that he vents his rage in barks—but because they are cats and wagons and he is a very healthy and normal bulldog. The only personal element is his lord and master.

It was a pessimist, but a keen observer of nature, who said: "The more I see of men the better I like dogs." He might have said: "The more men like dogs the better I am apt to like them." That after all may be summed up in still another way: "The more my dog likes me the better I am satisfied that they are worth liking."

Chap makes few mistakes

DEMOCRATIC VIBRATIONS.

Last week certain New York democrats met at Saratoga looking to the formulation of a "platform of principles" on which democrats might reunite in perfect harmony. It is significant in the first place that such a movement should be necessary. Inasmuch as democracy seems to have broken up over the issue of W. J. Bryan—a purely personal issue—it seems to indicate that the 'prominent democrats' of New York state are not beginning at the right end.

But nevertheless the bill of essential principles which they have drawn up is worthy of notice.

"Enforcement of federal and state laws against criminal trusts and combinations." Most people will agree to that and also to the proposition that Theodore Roosevelt and the progressives of the republican party have some claim to that enunciated principle almost by right of discovery and exploration. Like unto this is "Equal taxation"—"direct election of senators" is neither republican or democratic. The income tax feature has many republican adherents.

"Local home rule" may be called almost anything—but the democratic party in Indiana did not take kindly to local option—and as if to dispel a doubt, next comes a "personal liberty clause"—but what about prohibition in the South?

When it comes to the reuniting of the democratic party on "tariff" for revenue only "there comes up a vision of the valiant democratic allies who made the Aldrich bill possible."

The greatest need for democracy is not in enunciating glittering generalities but by getting a good strong candidate and dispensing with Mr. Bryan.

TAFT'S TOUR.

Taft sets out tomorrow to tour the country on an expedition of investigation, pleasure and it is said, education. Leaving as incidental his meeting with President Diaz of Mexico, there are some points of interest in the places which he will visit. It will be strange if he will not open up on the tariff question. If he does this at Salt Lake City it will be worth while to see what he will say of the Aldrich policies as represented by Senator Smoot of Utah, who was Aldrich's lieutenant. If he carries out his schedule and arrives in Des Moines and in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, he will be in the insurgent country. Some difference there may easily be in his audience—will there be any difference in the stress laid on various views of tariff revision?

And, winding up on his home trip, he will have a chance either to do missionary work in the South or to tell the Aldrich democrats his views on the tariff.

As far as Indiana is concerned, it too, will be particularly interested if he stops at Gary to address the Indiana Federated Commercial clubs. The combination of Indiana, the home of insurgency, and Gary, the stronghold of the Steel Trust, might make a rather interesting situation.

Items Gathered in From Fur and Near

Washington the Place.

From the Baltimore Sun.

The international aviation meet to be held in America next year is an event of such general importance that it should be given national support. The first event of the kind in this country can be made so significant that it would command the official recognition of congress and the president, if it is to be held at or near the national capital. This would give it an official standing in other countries that would be certain to attract most of the noted inventors and aviators of the world.

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