

sheriff of New York County, and scores of administrative officials whose "tin boxes" were the only sources cited by those investigated to account for their surprisingly large bank accounts and stock holdings, right on up to Mayor Jimmy Walker himself—these were the fruits of the work of Judge Seabury and his able staff.

But not the only fruits. There was

also needed charter revision. For a time also, there was a sadly discredited Tammany, a system of selecting city councilmen by proportional representation after nomination by petition which was not easy for district leaders to manipulate, and a reform administration under LaGuardia's leadership.

Those were all directly to the credit of the man who rode the tiger.

A Universal Formula? That's Easy!

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IN ONE OF William P. McGivern's stories, "Seven Lies South," a mixed-up guy recalls a yarn someone told him about a scientist who "had a dream of a universal formula which would solve all the world's social and economic problems." Waking in dazed excitement, the scientist scribbled the precious equation on a pad by his bedside table and fell back into a contented sleep. In the morning he snatched it eagerly to find only one sentence, "the world smells vaguely of tinctured iodine."

Even for a dream, this is not as absurd as it seems. There is a formula which is quite simple and can be stated in an even shorter sentence: tax land values. It will solve a surprising number of problems.

Another story comes to mind, by Edgar Wallace, about a marvelous "Book of Allpower." It was not a book at all, but a receptacle shaped like one, hollow, and filled with bank notes. This shoddy imitation of a piece of literature, was purported to be the only power our dull plodding minds could conceive of. But there is a book called *Progress and Poverty* written in 1879 by an American economist and social philosopher, that strangely enough explains the universal

formula for solving social and economic problems.

George Ade called this first book by Henry George "the finest dialectical treatise that has been written in the English language," and yet it enables anyone of moderate intelligence to clarify much of the world's confusion. It is a key to wisdom, with prophetic insight into things as they are—an invaluable asset to men and women who want to enlarge their mental capacities. *Progress and Poverty* could be likened to the old philosopher's stone which gave its possessor the power to turn dross into gold. It is truly a book of "all power"—over and over again, in the course of a long life, I have seen its influence reflected in the lives of people who took it seriously enough to accept its obvious truths. Some of the instances have been remarkable, others less so, but invariably there has followed a quickening of the mind that few expected, and frequently an improved social and financial status.

This book of "all power" containing the "secret of success," can be had for the small sum of two dollars. Wouldn't you give two dollars for a pair of seven-league boots? This is a better buy. But you have to study it after you get it, as many others have, with remarkable results.