

## BOOKS

## THE PROFIT PROBLEM.

**Pay Day.** By C. Hanford Henderson. Published by Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston, Mass. 1911. Price, \$1.50 net.

Mr. Henderson thinks that society can be regenerated by the elimination of Profit in "its three forms—rent, interest and dividends." The workman is asked to render "rent" and "interest" and "dividend" inoperative by withdrawing his own labor-power from the field of exploitation; but one naturally wonders how the workman can do this. The individual profit maker is told how to help, but as he must first repent, his co-operation may not go far. Then there is proposed a campaign against rent, by means of a "discrimination tax," its object being "the return of the land to the people and only incidentally the raising of revenue." But just as we are left in ignorance as to how the workman is to get sufficient money to buy a house or a chicken or dairy farm, or as to the best method of turning Rockefeller into a "repentant profit-taker," so we are left without explanation of the "discrimination tax." When one comes to the end of Pay Day, one is in a mental condition to appreciate its assurance that Mr. Henderson's remedy is made public more as a suggestion than as a final pronouncement.

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Citizen: "What do you want? Money?"

Outcast: "Why, if yer got a plate er hot soup in yer pocket, it'll do as well!"—Puck.

## PAMPHLETS

## Elementary Politics.

The Elements of Political Truth (by Paul Kersch, Rock Island, Ill.), a broad, clear and acute analysis of politics as a science. Expanded into a volume, this pamphlet would be of inestimable value. The pamphlet itself proves its author's fitness for such a work; indeed it is difficult to understand how the subject could be treated so well in the narrow compass of a pamphlet of 20 pages except as a condensation of a much larger work already done.

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"I never use slang," said the precise young woman.

"Yes," replied the self-satisfied girl. "I noticed as soon as I heard you honk that your conversational model was one of those highbrow dialects."—Washington Star.

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"Mamma, the Smiths live in the town where we—"

"I think I should use the word 'reside,' Tommy."

"Well, they reside in the town where we reside before we moved here, don't they?"—Chicago Tribune.

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"Allow me to hand you a true story which I have been carefully treasuring.

"One of my bright but appreciative daughters said: 'Papa, do you have to pay for having your poems printed in the magazines?'

"'No—not often,' I answered, modestly.

"'But, papa,' she cried, with an evidently outraged sense of justice, 'you use their space!'"

—Ted Robinson in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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