

operator in the street to weather any financial storm.

"Why," said one of the financiers, "that chap's a wonder. I don't know how many times they've had him against the wall, yet he always contrives to get away."

"I have heard it said," observed another, "that Blank is resourceful enough to make a living on a desert island."

"Yes, he could do that, too," affirmed the first speaker, "if there were another man on the island."  
—Harper's Weekly.

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Magistrate Cornell has acquired a new and valuable legal definition. An aged but robust Negro witness who testified before him the other day wouldn't stop talking when counsel objected, but kept on roaring his testimony.

"Stop," the Magistrate commanded. "Don't you know you're in court?"

"Ya-a-as'r" replied the Negro.

"Well, don't you know what a court is?"

"Oh-h-h, ya-as'r," said the old fellow, with a low bow. "Ya-as'r, a co't is a place whah dey dispenses with justice!"

—Chicago Examiner.

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## THE PILGRIM'S PRAYER.

For The Public.

May He whose all-pervading eye  
Nought escapes in earth or sky,  
Who comprehends within his plan  
The thoughts as well as deeds of man,  
Who finds behind earth's fairest guise  
The home of treachery and lies,  
And back of all our sin doth see  
Not what we are, but long to be—  
May He so guide the life He gave  
That I may e'er be pure and brave;  
Teach me that to truly live  
Is not to gain, but freely give;  
Lead me toward my home above.  
Free from self and full of love—  
Love that finds its greatest bliss  
In bringing others happiness;  
Laboring not for earth's applause—  
Trying to fulfill His laws  
Who crowns as hero every man  
That strives to do the best he can.

AMOS N. HOAGLAND.

## BOOKS

### A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT "THE JUNGLE."

The Jungle. By Upton Sinclair. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. Sold by The Public Publishing Co., Chicago. Price, \$1.50 postpaid.

There has been so much written and spoken about Mr. Upton Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," that any notice of it now could not lay claim to being more than an expression of personal opinion. But now is a good time to oversee what has been said about

## Announcements

### MEETINGS, LECTURES, DEBATES, ETC.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Rev. Quincy Ewing, of Birmingham, Ala., will preach at the Church of the Holy Trinity on all the Sunday mornings of July.

New York.—The Manhattan Single Tax Club holds open air meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly during the summer at 8 o'clock p. m., at 125th Street and 7th Avenue.

Boston, Mass.—The Boston Single Tax Society holds open air meetings Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock, near the corner of Beacon and Charles streets, Boston Common.

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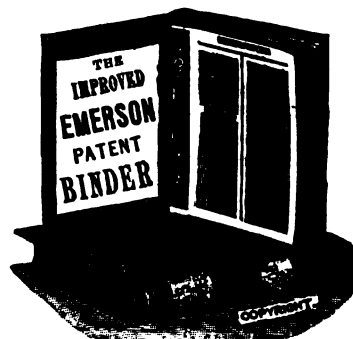
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this book that has caused such a sensation—a sensation more in the political than in the literary world. The literary world assumes a gentle reserve and an expression of enduring something very unpleasant when "The Jungle" is spoken of. And that is a sad sign of the ascendancy of those influences that are trying to make of American literature an emasculated something in the way of "art for art's sake." But there is no doubt of the sensation this book has caused in the political and economic world, and there is much interest in examining what has been said and done about it there.

Our energetic and strenuous President, has, as several times before, gone off on a tangent about one phase of conditions the book was intended to describe, and the rest of the world has accepted his opinion. His grabbing up of a few scenes and acting on them has been productive of good results this time. Every sincere and hasty nature can accomplish good, if not directly then at least indirectly, by setting in motion forces that work more logically. In this case all that our President discovered was known before, but his action has produced a vast deal of good by arousing many who cannot be brought to listen to the voice of the logical lover of justice. But those who are unpleasantly aroused by the book have also taken their cue from Mr. Roosevelt and emphasized only what he has emphasized, in the definite understanding that they are belittling the book. They want to belittle it, for they are afraid of it. Their reasoning is excellent, their logic so good that it commands respect. They say that if this book is going to create such a stir and so arouse public opinion, it is much better to sacrifice the beef trust than the whole system of monopolistic production. "If the eye offends, cast it out," but save the system of arteries through which the blood runs, for they are the life itself.

Now after reading "The Jungle" my personal opinion is that the young author did not intend merely to give a picture of conditions in Chicago packing houses. What he wanted, and what he did not quite accomplish, although he accomplished sufficient to command all praise, was to give a great picture of labor conditions in general, of economic conditions in this twentieth century of America. It looks as if he were aiming to do what Zola has done in "Germinal," what Hauptman has done so gloriously in "The Weavers." Hauptmann does it by making the mass of laborers, the suffering, oppressed class, the hero of his play. By not focussing our attention on a single figure, he leaves no doubt that it was the class and the class sufferings he intended it to portray. And he does it so well that we know his play is not intended merely as a picture of the condition of the Silesian weavers at a certain period. We understand that he portrays the conditions of labor at other times and other places, the wrong conditions that are eating the heart out of three-fourths of humanity. Zola gives "Germinal" a hero, but it is the great body of miners and not Etienne Lantier in whom we are interested. The weakness of Mr. Sinclair's book is that he has made his hero so interesting personally that attention is led away from the mass of sufferers. But Mr. Sinclair is not a Zola, nor a Gerhart Hauptmann. Yet the very fact of the warm flesh and blood he has given his

## NEXT WEEK

### Portrait and Sketch of Alfred J. Boulton.

Alfred J. Boulton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., now Register of Kings County, is a political and labor leader of the best type. The story of his career is interesting and useful, showing how he has worked persistently to bring labor unions into politics for the sake of advancing just principles.

THE PUBLIC of July 28 will contain a sketch of Mr. Boulton's life, written by Louis F. Post. The same issue will contain, as a supplement, an excellent portrait of Mr. Boulton, from an engraving by his friend Peter Aitken, one of the former wood engravers of the Century Magazine.

Orders for extra copies of this issue should be sent in at once. They will be furnished, while the supply lasts, at the regular prices: \$2.00 per 100, in lots of 50 and upward; 5 cents a copy, in smaller lots.

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## POVERTY

An attempt to define it and to estimate its extent in this country.

By ROBERT HUNTER

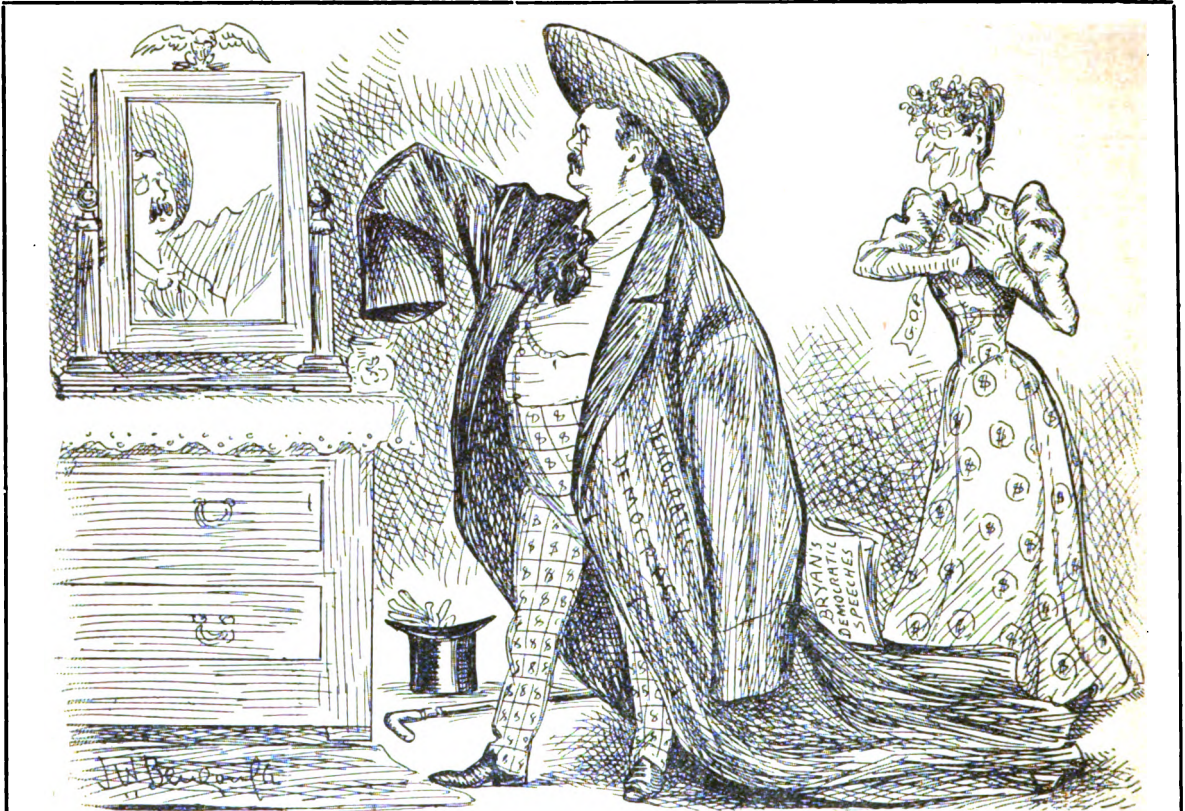
President of the Social Reform Club; Chairman of the New York Child Labor Committee; formerly Headworker of the University Settlement of New York.

The most impressive book of the year; its story is heart-touching and terrible. It should have a million readers.—*Edwin Markham.*

It is a great book, this "Poverty." It deals so reasonably and intelligently with all the phases of the great question—what our great and increasing poverty means for the country and the country's future, the phases of it that appear in the pauper, the vagrant, in children, in the sick. In every aspect of the treatment there is a calm judicial tone, the restraint of one speaking solemn and important truths. We have not in our time had another such work. Every thoughtful man should give it heed.—*Charles E. Russell, in the Chicago Examiner.*

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A DRESS REHEARSAL.

Theodore—I can't say I quite care for the style; and, of course, I'm not going to be a candidate anyway;—but there's one thing certain beyond all question, that this is going to be the fashion for 1908!

hero helps to bring the picture he wants to paint more clearly to the minds of many.

But it is sad that the great and bold ambition of a young writer of remarkable power should have been so misunderstood. It was fatally easy for uncertain reviewers to stick to the Packingtown problem at first, to write a review that would attract attention. And then the monopolistic system took up the cry, finding it much safer to cut off an arm than to have the system discussed. The beef trust is "getting it in the neck" as the popular phrase puts it. But Mr. Sinclair's able book is also being misrepresented in all this noise, and the greater good he might have done is being stifled, either deliberately or unwittingly. Still, a little good is better than none, and one step forward is better than two steps backward. Mr. Sinclair may yet write another book in which he makes it more clear that it is the condition of labor in general that is interesting him, and not merely the meat canning industry.

GRACE ISABEL COLBRON.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

—Sunday Labor. By Thorlief. Published by Kable Brothers Company, Mount Morris, Ill. To be reviewed.

—A Knight of the Tillers. By Arthur Newell. Pub-

lished by F. L. Marsh & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. To be reviewed.

—The City that Was: A Requiem of Old San Francisco. By Will Irwin. Published by B. W. Huebsch, New York. Price, 50 cts., net; postage 4 cts. To be reviewed.

—The Hayes-Tilden Disputed Presidential Election of 1876. By Paul Leland Haworth, Lecturer in History, Columbia University. Published by The Burrows Brothers Co., Cleveland. To be reviewed.

## PAMPHLETS

Massachusetts Labor Statistics.

"The Apprenticeship System" is the subject of the first part of the annual report for 1906 of the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nearly 100 pages are devoted to the subject.

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Racial Mentality.

It is an extraordinary fact that Kelly Miller (Washington, D. C.), a Negro with no trace of white blood, should come to the defense of his race, regarding the charge against it of inferiority, with more cogent arguments, in better English and in more exalted human spirit, than any of the rambunctious critics of his race have exhibited in their attacks.