

and forthwith set about the task. The question of meeting this invasion at once aroused a keen contest between the militarists and the pacifists of America. The discussion was carried on with great heat in Congress, in the press, and throughout the country. But the tide turned finally in favor of the pacifists on account of a speech by a woman. "I was against war," she says, "on principle in time of peace. How much more am I against war now that it threatens us with the horrors that we so recently have beheld on the battle fields of Europe? I will say to the Germans that I do not hate them. I have no cause to hate them, and I refuse to kill them. I refuse to kill them, and then hide my stained hands in the folds of any flag." The triumph of the pacifists over the militarists led to the disarmament of the country in the face of the approaching invasion. This of course was misunderstood by the war-maddened Germans, who entered New York's undefended harbor with great caution, and landed their army on Long Island. The clever way in which Mr. Baker describes the change of sentiment in this country, the natural course of events, and the final outcome, is a most fascinating piece of literary work, and should be read by every one having at heart the progress of civilization.

S. C.

### On Democracy.

Democracy is "a state of social consciousness," says Joseph Dana Miller in an essay on "The Difficulties of Democracy" in the January number of the International Journal of Ethics (Rumford Press, Concord, N. H.). No political expedients, in the author's opinion, will in themselves bring democracy. So long as the mass of mankind is to be swayed by the opportunity for bread that it wants and has not, so

long will democracy be only a name. Direct Legislation, for instance, will not insure democracy; for every man needs leisure to study legislative measures and candidates' characters, and wide-awake leisure is what very few men now have. Thus is political democracy dependent on economic democracy—the equality of opportunity.

A. L. G.



"Mamma, mayn't I go to the fancy dress ball as a milkmaid?"

"You're too small."

"Well, can't I be a condensed milkmaid?"—Beck's Weekly.



"Then you don't think I practice what I preach, eh?" queried the minister, in talking with one of the deacons at a meeting.

"No, sir, I don't" replied the deacon. "You've been preachin' on the subject of resignation for two years, an' ye haven't resigned yet."—Tit-Bits.



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