

there is a sociological moral to the story—perhaps not intended by the author, who aims only to be a good story teller—which will hurt no one's head if he ponders on it a bit.



The Spanish Singletaxer.

The May number of "El Impuesto Único" contains among other articles a translation of the first part of Henry George's address, "Thou Shalt Not Steal," to be continued; and an address on public taxation, by Dr. Justo, Socialist leader in Buenos Aires, delivered before the Socialist Conference in that city, July 27, 1911. Although called a Socialist, Dr. Justo presents a strong plea for the adoption of the Singletax on land values, and wants free trade, but concludes with this statement: "Let us carry on the war against Capitalism as a whole, but an intelligent war that distinguishes and separates the different parts of the enemy so that he may be more easily beaten." Mr. Baldomero Argente goes extensively into the evils of an excise tax on leases and leaseholds in Madrid. There is also an editorial on "Charitable Associations," called out by the letter of Mr. Joseph Fels to the American Conference on Charities and Correction, held in Boston last year.*

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*Mr. Fels's letter to the Conference was published in The Public of June 16, 1911, page 566.

The American City.

Harvey N. Shepard, writing in The American City for May (93 Nassau St., New York), on "Municipal Housekeeping in Europe and America," says that "the condition of our water fronts, as compared with those of European cities, is humiliating. In Havre, for instance, the quays not only are equipped for commercial purposes, but also for recreation; they are readily accessible, and at night are brilliantly illuminated. With rare exceptions we have permitted selfish interests to destroy the natural beauties of our water fronts, and to make them less attractive than other portions of the city. So great are the natural beauties of the superb harbors of New York and Boston that they ought to outrank all the cities of the world." The very next article tells how Fort Wayne, Indiana, is improving wonderfully the banks of St. Mary's river, eighteen miles of which are within the city limits. Elsewhere Walter D. Moody explains one of the Chicago Commercial Club's educational enterprises, the teaching of "municipal patriotism" by the introduction as a text-book into the schools of the "Wacker Manual of the Plan of Chicago"—an enterprise, by the way, whose motives and value are open to question, at least on the part of those neither dazzled nor enriched by magnificent public buildings in a setting of wretched citizens' hovels. With that suspicion, however, The American City need not be concerned.

Dangerous for the Elephant.



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