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FORESHADOWED; OR, A STRANGE COINCIDENCE

BY LEO DAVID WILLIAMS.

Sunday night along the tracks, or Sunday night anywhere, is generally pretty quiet, and half-past ten, as I finished some of the evening's copy work, was no exception. At the time of this story I was working in the dispatcher's office with Bob MacDonald as night chief, and, by my self, without exultation, I considered myself an experienced chap; yet never in all my recollections do I remember of meeting such a cool-headed, cold-blooded man as my immediate boss. He was master, and so recognized by a host of admirers. He had both the will and the way of doing things that surpassed everything I had ever seen; therefore, I was surprised when later on he told me of a previous mishap that had befallen him. "No. 4 just left Baxter's," I casually remarked, preparing to follow Bob's example of indulging in a quiet smoke. "It will meet the express at Fairview. I have given Perkins an 'FA' a hold order for that train, therefore they ought to be there in about an hour."

FINNISH WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT

The example of Finland is indeed bound to have an irresistible effect on all other civilized countries in which the pioneers of women's suffrage have been hitherto simply ridiculed as aspiring after unnatural and unrealistic dreams, as sentimentalists wishing, in the name of visionary justice, to upset the family, the community, and endanger the very existence of the state.

FOR HOME DRESSMAKERS

Now we say this nation, this sturdy race, has seen fit to call its gentler and weaker citizens to fully participate in the guidance of the supreme destinies of their beloved country, and this, too, at a moment when the struggle for a foreign foe, such as Czarism has always been in regard to this grand duchy, would seem imperatively to demand the concentration of chiefly manly energies and capabilities necessary to actively repulse a warlike aggression which may be expected any day from the banks of the Neva!

The Arm and Torch League of Cincinnati

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN. "To develop the body, mind and morals is the object of the 'Arm and Torch League' of Cincinnati, Ohio. This organization of children is not only the oldest, but possibly the largest Socialist Sunday school in this country. Its duration of life is now numbered by years, and rain or shine, the children of this school gather every Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at the Socialia, hall, northwest corner Fifteenth and Elm, and gather material for the mind and morals for the next week. Theology or religion of any kind is not admitted in the course of teaching.

VIEWING PANAMA CANAL WORK



The above out shows the party of the President-elect inspecting the work at Panama.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSEKEEPING

BY LIDA E. McDERMUT

I have been a housekeeper for twenty-five years and am familiar with most of the difficulties that housekeepers have to meet. The limitations of the work have caused me considerable dissatisfaction, and I often hear other housekeepers express their dissatisfaction with the monotony of their work, the close confinement and the great amount of time which they must give to produce small results. In the homes of the wealthy, housekeeping is probably a more successful undertaking, as they are able to hire specialists in the different departments—trained cooks, serving men, buyers, laundresses, housemaids. But in the average home one person must cover the entire field, doing the work in all departments. The average housekeeper is not a specialist in even one department, and this is the reason that housekeeping is not prepared for their work by training and education. The training of the average housekeeper is a little instruction from her mother over the cook stove, and an occasional lesson in the cook book or the printed directions in the packages bought of the grocer. From these facts it will be apparent that there is in housekeeping a problem which has not yet been solved. When housekeeping was quite simple, and all life was simple as well—there was no problem. When the entire family ate from one dish, when knives and forks, table linen, house decoration and sanitation were all unknown, there was no problem. But as the human family graduated from the tree and the hut and the cottage, the problem began to develop, and now, when we have the modern home, with all its details and wants, the problem of housekeeping has become almost too great for the housekeeper. All other lines of work, all branches of industry which men are engaged in, are organized; and the result of this organization is to multiply human power many fold. When organization and the accompanying co-operation are introduced into the present home,

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MRS. BILLY'S DUCK

BY ELLEN DALRYMPLE MEGOW

"What shall we give Mrs. Billy for Christmas?" asked Irene Fenton as she and her mother were busy with the breakfast dishes. "That was just the question I was going to ask you," replied her mother. "We have very little money this year, but we must get SOMETHING for Mrs. Billy. But who was Mrs. Billy? She was like 'Little Jerry the Miller' that Saxe writes about. Everybody knew and the school is a great success. Miss Pearl Munroe and Daisy Conklin Millard are the teachers in charge, and there are two classes according to age. The 'Child's Primer of Socialism' is sold and the children are taught to sing revolutionary songs as well as to get a firm grasp on the object and aim of life. At first the parents are rather afraid to send their children, fearing that some sect of religion would be taught, but they have all been satisfied, and this school has become an institution and a necessary part of the Socialist movement. The children are taught to respect everybody, but to bow down to none. They learn to recite, as well as to sing, and play. They also learn a great deal about Socialism, and the principles of government, and why we must work and win a Socialist form of government to be happy. While the very foundation of the principles of governments are taught, yet the pupils are urged to keep away from such toys as guns, tin soldiers, cannons, and toy pistols. In the good old summer time there are picnics and parties. May-poles and indoor games, and in the winter months our children are never talked at—we talk to them. When a pupil is regular in attendance a silver star, then gold star and finally the red star is placed on the roll of honor. The class opens with the Rallying Song, and closes with the Red Flag Song. Cincinnati Radicals and Socialists are asked to send their children to this school, and watch for results. The tuition is free. Visitors are welcome, and parents can write to the school committee at 1633 John street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Water-Blue? "Let me explain," said the particular young lady to the obsequious draper's assistant. "I want something in blue light blue, but not as dark as navy blue, nor as light as Cambridge blue, but darker than Eton blue, yet not quite electric blue nor sky blue—more like robin's egg blue, but not light; not as dark as indigo blue, of course. It's quite a new tint; I think they call it 'morning glory' blue, which is something like a turquoise blue—a shade between aqua marine blue and baby blue. Now," she concluded, as she blue her nose, "if you have anything in the shop which is described to you, please show it."

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