

have occurred in the last few years which seems likely to abolish the company store.

The occupation of pirate, although possessing objectionable features, and very properly warred against by all governments, had some fascinating elements that are still attractive to the conventionalized machines of the nineteenth century. The wideness and the freedom of a pirate's existence make it a boy's dream of happiness and a boy is the nearest thing alive to nature. He, of all created beings, represents primal instincts, unspoiled selfishness, and his ideal of a happy state, modified by altruism approach perfection. To sail about in unknown seas, in a little world all one's own, to owe allegiance to no nation, to select one's foes, to conquer to despoil, to be supreme. Can maturity picture anything more satisfying? But occasionally a pirate reformed and entered the service of some nation. Thereafter he was subject to control, and although the approval of his conscience was worth some sacrifice he was never really happy again. Not that happiness matters as much as other things. A newspaper which has no job office in connection with it, which belongs to no particular party, which has seized the censorship of manners and morals as an innocent pirate sails the seas, because he likes to sail, and because no one is at hand to prevent him, may in time acquire a job office and may become a respectable member of society by serving the needs of some organization. In this way the newspaper becomes of more importance but happiness has fled with freedom, and the weight of opinions and advice is hard for the genuine pirate to bear.

The review of the Chicago Clubs in this week's issue of THE COURIER is a very interesting report of a Lincoln girl's impressions of the clubs in a strange city. Miss Prey went to see Mrs. Henrotin who helped her by suggestion and advice and by the cordial, gracious encouragement of a perfect woman of the world whose heart has been softened by contact with it. Miss Prey is spending the summer in Chicago and will write a series of articles on the Chicago clubs. Miss Prey is a poet of promise. She has written several poems which are worthy of a better place than the ephemeral publications in which they have appeared.

"I can easier tell twenty what were good to be done than be one of the twenty to follow my own advice," says Shakespeare. And he knew a thing or two about advertising. See how he keeps himself before the public.

The really good advertisers are wonderfully tolerant of criticism from any point of compass. They recognize that, in spite of its strange paradoxes, advertising is based on fixed principles.

Like every other art its laws are learned only by practice; but no matter who discovers them or who expounds them, they are just as sure and unchangeable as gravitation. That is a law that a monkey can demonstrate with a coconut as completely as Sir Isaac Newton in all his glory.

Don't sit on the critic. Disprove his criticism if you can, but be impersonal about it. Discuss his principles or theories upon their merits or demerits, independent of the man who advances them. A wise man can learn from fools; a fool can't learn from anybody.

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Chicago is pre-eminently a city of clubs. Their spirit seems to be in the very atmosphere. A bicycle without a streaming bow of club colors is almost a novelty. The newspapers give the clubs, at least in the winter, the club season, as much space as athletics or the theatres. There are clubs with impossible foreign names, Greek letter clubs, fraternities, brotherhood societies and circles until one gets dazed with the very number. There is even what I suppose to be a very necessary organization, a "Society for the Improvement of Chicago river," and another catalogued, "Societo Christofero Columbo," whose officers are Giovanni Simoni and C. Ganocchio, and whose members are probably blest with similar euphonic names. Then there is a fat man's club whose criterion for membership is a weight of two hundred pounds. A girl pointed these things out to me in the city directory among a long category of miscellaneous clubs.

"Club organization," she said proudly, "is found useful by the foreigners in Chicago, and even by fat men."

It seems that clubs are considered a sort of patent cure-all, following the Lomeopathic law—that like cures like, for an article in the June *Household Realm* affirmed that there was a club in Chicago whose avowed purpose was to discourage the formation of clubs and whose members were pledged never to become club members.

That they are unfailingly effectual may be inferred from the fact that I, a perfect stranger, was asked by three club presidents if I would not like to apply for membership in their clubs. Twice I was assured that I would be heartily welcome to the use of the club rooms whenever I felt inclined.

Yet behind this, that seemed exaggerated club enthusiasm, I found real practical work being done. Generally speaking, the clubs have one of two lines of effort, either self-culture or philanthropy. I was told that not one of the woman's or girl's clubs of Chicago is organized for regular charity work, but for helping in such a way that no one shall feel or be in the least dependent.

One of the most interesting outgrowths

members. The purpose of the club is "mutual sympathy and counsel, the improvement of its members and the practical consideration of the important questions that grow out of the relations of the individual to society. It shall be independent of class, politics or religion, the basis of membership being earnestness of purpose, love of truth and a desire to promote the best interests of humanity."

The methods of the club are some what like those of the "Noon-day Rest." Noon lunch is served, there is a library and a parlor, classes are given in French, German, stenography, needle-work, music, physical culture and dancing, and will provide for any other classes with their private class rooms. The rooms are kept open so that the club members may get acquainted with each other. Entertainments are given and any number may have the use of the rooms for any entertainment she wishes to give.

In the library, besides standard books, are the daily papers and a number of good magazines. Here there is a large table, chairs and lounges. The club also furnishes stationery for the members.

The serving of the noon-day lunch is odd but seems to increase the easy home feeling of the room. Each girl takes her plate, orders what she pleases at the counter, finds a table, and eats. There is much talking and smiling throughout the room till the whole club seems rather like a large family than a club of business women.

The rooms here are larger than those of the Noon-day Rest and have more of the look of being used familiarly. The girls seem better acquainted with each other and more congenial. This comes perhaps in part from the fact that the club is self-managing, in part from the fact that some of the women have rooms in the club, but largely, if I do not mistake, from the cordial personality of the secretary, Miss Goodeli, who has been with the club from its very beginning.

The thoughtfulness of the club for its members is shown by its having a physician in daily attendance.

Affiliated with this club is the Gamma Rest association which has a summer home at Lake Bluff, where its members may go during the summer to rest, breathe fresh air, swing in hammocks, play croquet or bathe in Lake Michigan at the foot of the bluffs.

The Alpha club has arranged that its members may also take advantage of the rest and recreation given at this cottage so that the two societies are very closely associated.

To the business women the companionship and comfort to be found in these associations, the benefit coming from classes, and above all, the opportunity to rest during the noon hour in the home like club rooms and the chance to spend part of the summer in a country cottage, must mean more than women who live at home can understand.

The Aloha club is another club of young women, organized for mutual help and for rest. They also have a summer cottage where the members may meet together and enjoy being lazy.

Most of the other rest and lunch clubs are recently organized and so are less perfectly equipped than those already mentioned. It is to be noticed that these clubs are without exception devoted to the interest of the club members.

Besides clubs of this general character there are many girl's clubs for mutual help in certain lines. One especially unpretentious is the Altma Library circle. This circle has opened an art library room in the Masonic Temple with a librarian in charge. The room is free to any young women employed in the down-town district who may wish to spend her evenings in study of art or history. Mrs. J. B. Sherwood has placed

of the club work here is the "noon-day rest" and other clubs doing similar work.

The noon-day rest was established three years ago by one of the women's clubs of the city, the Klio association, for the benefit of young women employed in the business districts. Only such women can become active members. The control of the management is in the hands of the officers of the Klio association and five others elected from the association.

The club has a suite of eight rooms at the foot of Monroe street, near the lake, and not far from the business center of Chicago. Here the young women members may come at any time from eight in the morning till nine at night, using the rooms just as if they were at home. Lunch is served at noon, each girl ordering what she pleases. Nothing on the bill of fare is more than 5 cents, so that a good lunch need not cost more than 10 or 15 cents.

The parlor, sewing-room and reading-room are small but well furnished and inviting. Here the girls may come in the evening to study, sew, rest or chat. When called for, the Klio association gives evening classes in French, German, physical culture, art, travel, stenography, dressmaking and millinery. The whole purpose of the club is to give working girls a homelike place where they can spend odd hours outside of their work. Yet they are not in the least dependent on the Klio association. Each girl pays a membership fee of twenty-five cents a month and pays for her lunches. She may bring visitors by paying a five-cent guest fee. And there are many little privileges that she enjoys by virtue of her membership in the club. Entertainments are given to the club by the Klio association. Last week an excursion to Jackson park was given to the girls free.

Besides the Noon-day Rest there are half a dozen other lunch clubs in Chicago, among them the Alpha, the Wildwood, the Ursula, the Silver Cross, growing out of a circle of King's Daughters, and the Ogoitz. Of these the Alpha is the largest and best equipped. It has too, some features that the other clubs do not have. It has rooms at 52 Dearborn street, well in among the business houses.

This club, although at first organized and managed by a single woman, is now independent and entirely self-governing, the management of the club resting in a board of nine directors, elected from the