



Whether Common or Not

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

His Sympathetic Soul

The prominent citizen who employed a large number of women in his box factory was very indignant.

"The idea of the legislature having the effrontery to interfere with the right of women to earn a livelihood!" he ejaculated.

Naturally we were eager to be enlightened, hence we asked for information.

"Why, the legislature has just passed a law making it illegal for

women to work more than ten hours a day in any factory."

"But isn't that a wise and humane law?" we asked.

"Indeed it is not!" shrieked the prominent citizen. "Why, I have hundreds of women in my employ who will be unable to earn enough to live on if they are not allowed to work fourteen and sixteen hours a day."

We admit being a little slow with our thinking apparatus, hence the prominent citizen was well along on

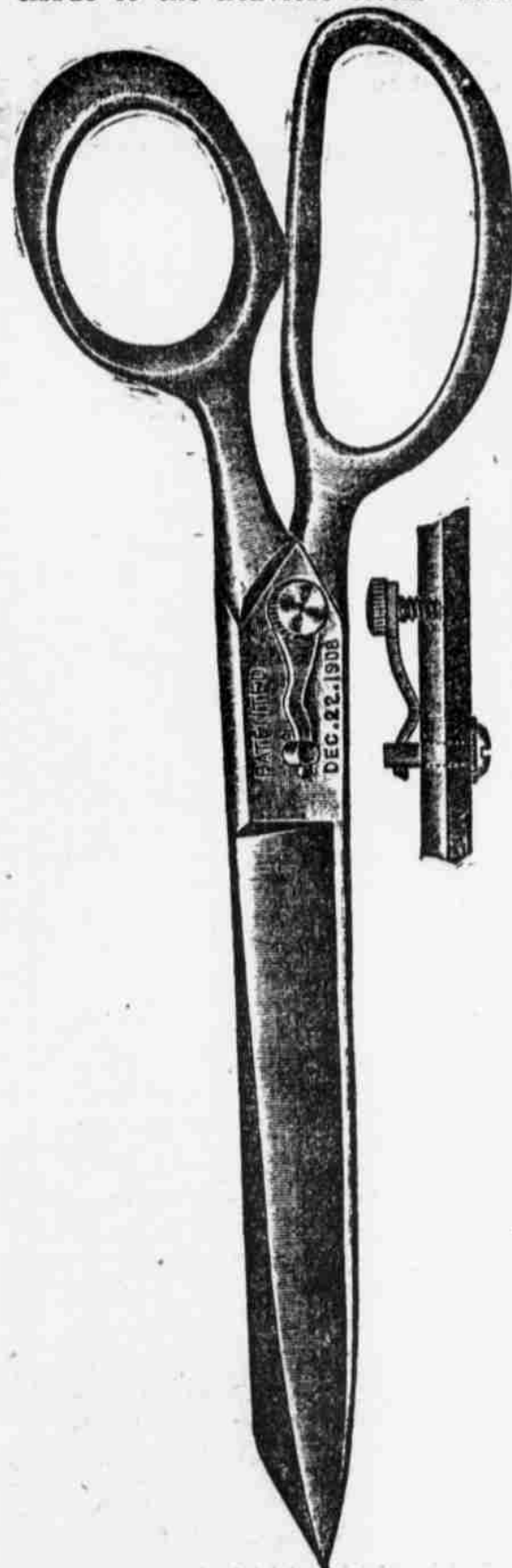
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his way to see a judge about an injunction before we thought to ask him why his wage scale wasn't high enough so that a woman could earn enough in ten hours to enable her to live comfortably and honestly.

Which Reminds Us

Mr. John Kirby, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, and a violent opponent of trades unionism, says that the high cost of living is due to the fact that the labor unions have insisted on higher wages. That reminds us of the story of the old colored man who sought a divorce from his wife.

"What grounds have you for divorce?" asked the judge.

"Jedge, day woman is allus a pesterin' me tuh death f'r money. One day she'll done ask me f'r a dollah, an' de nex' day she'll ask me f'r fifty cents, an' de nex' day she'll ask me f'r anotha' dollah. It's jes' money, money, money, all de time, youah honah."

"What does she do with all that money?" asked the judge.

"O, I dunno, jedge. I ain't nevah gib her none yit!"

Mr. Kirby will please take note that the moral of this little story is the application of it.

Applied Mathematics

We haven't yet seen the story in print, but it is a good one. The author is unknown, but whoever he, or she, may be, credit is cheerfully accorded.

When little Johnnie came home from school one afternoon he found a caller with his mamma. Johnnie sat down and the caller, as usual, began conversation.

"Do you go to school, Johnnie?"

"Uh-huh—yes, ma'm."

"What are you studying?"

"Readin', writin', an' 'rithmetic."

"O, you are studying arithmetic, are you?"

"Uh-huh—yes, ma'm."

"And how far along are you in arithmetic?"

"Purty far."

"But just how far are you?"

"O, over t' th' guzintus."

"Where?"

"T' th' guzintus."

"What on earth do you mean by that, Johnnie?"

"O, two guzintu four, two guzintu six, two guzintu eight—you know—the guzintus."

Up-to-Date

After hearing the woman's petition for a divorce the just judge said:

"The decree is granted, with alimony. The defendant is required to pay to the plaintiff the equivalent of two eggs, a pound of butter and three pounds of pork every Saturday night."

The plaintiff's subsequent application for bankruptcy was denied.

Great Idea

"I am satisfied that my new corporation will be a Huge financial success."

"I'm glad you think so, but what are your reasons for your faith?"

"I have had the stock certificates printed on blotting paper."

"Huh?"

"On blotting paper. Will soak up plenty of water. See?"

Father Goose

Lloyd-George is a Welchman, Lloyd-George is a chief; Lloyd-George smote the peerage And caused it lots of grief. The dukes and lords were angry But Lloyd-George didn't care; He biffed 'em with his budget And had some votes to spare.

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