RUSKIN COLONY.

The Statement of the Independent is Prac tically Endorsed by the Colony Managers.

Some time ago the Independent published an article concerning Ruskin colony. The ground taken was that Ruskin was not a socialist community but was firmly based on capitalism. Last week the Coming Nation, the organ of the colony replied at much length and practically acknowledges the truth the position taken by the Inpependent. The argument of the writer in the the Coming Nation seems to be that with socialism in force, there would be no invalids, no helpless non-producers, no men past the age of working, no imbeciles and no criminals. That is one of the beautiful dreams that very good men often indulge in, but there is nothing in the nature man or his past history upon which to base such a conclusion. A colony of selected families, each with \$500.00 capital, all the workers in the prime of life, bears no resemblence to state socialism taking in all classes of a whole nation. Ruskin is succeeding. It would be strange if it did not, but Ruskin is not a sample of state socialism . Why the Coming Nation calls the article in the Independent an "attack" on Ruskin is past comprehension. We thought that we were giving that business corporation a good free ad. The following is the argument on both sides:

The Nebraska Independent, of Lincoln, Nebrask., an opponent of socialistic principles, lately attacked Ruskin in the following words:

Ruskin colony is a corporation formed on capitalistic lines. It gets more free advertising than any other business en-terprise in the United States. Every member of the corporation must buy \$500 worth of stock which gives the colony a sound capitalistic basis. It has able managers and is conducting a paying business. None but persons of good character and well formed industrial habits are admitted to its mem-bership. While these workers are in the prime of life, every one of them notive producers, the colony even under ordinary management ought to succeed. But all this is not socialism by any means. Let there be thrust into the colony its percapita share of criminal, old, infirm, shiftless and lazy, that would burden any nation attempting to adopt socialism and the outlook of the colony would be immediately changed. As long as they can pick out the best in the whole country and associate them together under the capitalis-tic system of the payment of \$500 in advance, they have a chance to succeed. The only difference between Ruskin and members share equally in the profits of the concern, regardless of the producing capacity or ability of the members.

Pects to speak of and a dout patients is as melance ject in nature as I know. "You must beg n with

many tramps and paupers. No doubt this is true; it is equivolent to

saying that if Ruskin were as bad as the outside world, it wouldn't be any

any tramps or paupers or criminals in Ruskin.

It is true that we started without a dependent or criminal class, but so did

It is not our object to provide for all the paupers and criminals whom compe tion and monopoly creates, but to prove to such obtuse citizens as the "Indepen-

dent" editor that paupers are not necessary in this country.

He accounts for our prosperity by saying that we have \$500 a family, but he entirely forgets the fact that the average wealth in the United States is

\$5,000 a family.

The average wealth in Ruskin is only one-tenth as much as the average wealth outside, yet in Ruskin there are no pau-

pers, tramps, criminals nor unemployed. This proves that it is not wealth alone which brings prosperity and happiness to a country, but rather a just and orderly system of production and distribu-

As to Ruskin being composed of "picked" people, that is a fact, but that of itself does not account for its success, This continent was also settled by picked people; the early pioneers were the most enterprising and free-spirited people whom Europe contained.

But they had a wrong system of busi-ness, and so all the evis of today arose. If Ruskin with \$500 a family can abotish poverty and crime, surely this great nation with a per capita wealth ten times as great, can do the same. There is no obstacle to prosperity in

America except ignorance. We have enough land for Heaven on earth. All the people in the woyld could stand in state of Texas, and then there would only be nine to the acre.

e have enough labor-saving machin ery for the milienium. We have enough wood and stone to build a mansion for every family. We have enough of every thing but common sense.

And we freely prescribe a large dose of of the latter article for the editor of the "Independent" so that after taking he may real as the mission of Ruskin and

wisdom of tollowing its example. The "obtuseness" of the editor of the Independent is so great that he cannot see why the statement that the first omigrants to this country were the most exterprising and free-spirited people whom England contained, is not evidence that his position is correct. In their first settlements they adopted essentially the program of Ruskin. Neverthe less the belgices, the criminal, the "ne'er do wella" soon began to appear. Their workers grew old, helpless infants took their place and had to be cared for for many years, before they became producers. That is what will happen to

There is a vast difference between Agating for the liberation of the Cubana or fighting for the subjugation of the Filipines, one was a peoples war the other McKinley's war.

BYLO LAND.

When out of the west long sha' ws creep And the stars peep out—a shi. .ng ' .d— Our baby, weary of fun and play, Goes out thro' the gates to Bylo Land.

O, which is the road to Bylo Land?
By the way of grandpa's easy chair,
Or better, by mother's loving arms,
With kisses pressed on the shining hair?

She nestles down, with a weary sigh, While the lashes touch the rounded With her arms clasped close 'round moth-

er's neck, Who kisses the love she cannot speak.

A wonderful land is Bylo Land,
To judge by the smiles on 'aby's face,
The angels must surely wea a her dreams,
And lend to her of their winsome grace.

O baby, we envy thy sunny lot, For we that are older seidom see
The flowery pathway to Bylo Land,
Or meet the angels that talk with thee.
—Florence A. Jones, in N. Y. Observer.

BIDDY'S SONNET.

Biddy was washing the parlor windows. As the gay grocer's boy drove by he gave hardly a glance at her, although he had a reputation in the neighborhood as a connoseur of nired help, and Biddy was a gem in her way. Poor Biddy! In the 54 years of her mortal career no man had ever looked at her twice, for from its very beginbeings. Her hair was bright red and her eyes were duli blue. Her only journeys had been from one situation to another. She knew no tragedles except the souring of her bread or the breaking of a teacup. She never took a Thursday out and never had a visitor. Her mortal sin was the missing of a mass for she was a devoted Roman Catholic, handing one-half her wages to the priest and telling her rosary over and over un' i the beads were worn smooth from contact with her knotty fingers. They christened her Bidella over in Ireland half a century back, but because she was so plain. Bid., she became and Biddy she remaind to the end of the letter. On a bright Tuesday afternoon she took it into her head to wash the parlor windows. They looked right through the pretty little drawing-room to the study beyond, and there seated

on the sofa where only the blindest of eyes could have failed to perceive them were two young people in an eestasy of bliss. One was Miss Janet, Biddy's idol, and the other a goodlooking young fellow. was had rung the Graham's front door bell twice a week regularly through the winter, not to mention a great many other visits paid unceremoniously in between.

"It's a pretty risky thing for both of us, Janet dear," he was saying wistfully. You know I have no prospects to speak of and a doctor without patients is as melancho y an ob-

"You must beg n with the other In other words the philosopher who sort of patience. Dick. like Job's. I'm supper fit for the gods!" edits this Nebraska paper means to say that Ruskin would be as poverty-cursed as Lincoln and other towns if it had as hero ever went through. I will wait for you cheerfully until you are a shining light in the medical firmament, getting \$50 a visit, but you must promise me one thing, that you will never experiment upon me."

"With my medicines? Never!"
"Oh, no!" Janet laughed saucily.
"With the \$50 a visit plan. Now. Richard, let us talk seriously. I have an idea. I can see a dazzting future stretching out before us. You shall invent something.

"I will invent anything in the world to please you, dearest," began the adorer, possessing himself of the slender hand that lay in . anet's muslin lap. Their eyes met and there was a little pause before she went on with her nonsense.

"You shall prepare a patent pill. It must be something for the liver. Every human being has a secret bel'ef that something is wrong with his liver. I will advertise it for you. I'll have 'Try Brown's lils' painted in large white letters on the back of my village cart. I'll make the dressmaker embroider it all over my gowns. I'll send testimonials to all the newspapers and O Dick!"-Janet sat up straight. "We could theatre and engage any number of men with bald heads painting a big black letter on each one so that the whole row read across would make a Best' or something of that sort should roll in wealth is no time."

"You forget, my love that the seats must be paid for on the spot. A yearnings of a human heart box office does not allow even three days of grace, and where is the

money coming from? " "Poor boy!" She looked up at him with a smile in which there was more tenderness than fun. "You are a sort of Micanber all talent and no capital. Never mind. We can be picturesquely poor and study ways and means together. How to be happy on \$10 a week. It does not sound at all like me to talk in this sentimental way, but you have reduced me to such a state of idiotic bliss that my heat is in a whirt."

Then you do care for me just a little!" asked Dick. anxiously, for the 47th time in one short afternoon They had reached a point where subtoriuges were affectation. Janet turned her charming face toward him dyed with a sudden blush and unmindful of the loss of dignity on the part of a President of a Wednesday Morning Ciuk sho whispered softly and enriestly:

O Dick. you saw long ago how wholly and truly I loved you! Noth-ing also in the world is of any consequanca basida you, and I try to be buttor and better every day to become worth; of you. Why I should like nothing so well as to starve if I could starve with you"

And Dick said but we all know the things Dick mid.

H ddy, looking in at the window

like a jewel in the sun, saw the denoument of the little love story that had been going on all winter vader her very eyes. There was such a radiant happiness in the two young

strongly stirred.

Sure, Miss Janet's afther fixin' it up with Misther Brown, I'm thinkin." said Biddy to herself. "It's him will be shtayin' to surner the night, an' tis the laste I can do to stir up a bit

of cake for the occashun." She shut down her window with a bang. Janet in the distance glanced up, startied at the noise, and, seeing who had made it, nodded at the old servant in the effervescence of her new gladness. Biddy took her way to the kitchen. She gathered her pans and dishes together as in a dream. feeling for the first time in all her ignorant innocent life the hungry long az of a woman's nature to love and be loved, a dim comprehension not of that great mystery, indeed, but of its existence. She could not have put her thoughts into words if she had tried. She was not even conscious of having thoughts but the memory of those two faces clung to her in a tender fashion. It seemed to give de tness to her fingers as she kneaded the dough lightly on the moulding board. It turned the spoon with which she ning she had been the homliest and beat up her Sally Lunn into a fairy most awkward and least interesting of wand. It sparkled back at her from the silver, which she rubbed up again. and blew in the air when she stepped out into the garden to gather a few sweet peas to put upon the table. She hunted the vines over and over till she found the v ry biggest and ripest strawberries hiding among them. She re oiced to see the cream so thick and yellow on the pans of milk-and by and by when Mr. Graham came home and she heard the low, earnest sound of talking in the study, she realized vaguely that Miss Janet's future was under discussion, and, laying the table, she smoothed out every wrinkle. in the cloth with a care which was the expression of her sympathy with the lovers.

> At last the little feast was ready. The bell rang. In tripped the family. papa and mamma smiling indulgently at the young people and willing to overlook Dick's ineligibility in the affection which their one daughter felt for him beyond all question. Janet bloomed like a newly opened rose. and as for Dr. Brown, in spite of his want of patients and practice, it would have been difficult to find a more beaming and satisfied countenance in the ranks of the medical profession." These two foolish creatures knew little what they were eating. A dinner of herbs would have seemed like nectar and ambrosia under the circumstances. But Mr. Graham was not blinded by an enchantment and he cried out in surprise, to his wife:

> "My dear. Biddy must have guessed what was in the wind. She has outdone herself to-night. Here is a

And, truth to tell the soda biscuits were whiter than snow and lighter than feathers, the strawberries fairly smothered in luscious cream, the pale green lettuce was dressed to perfection, and, as for the cake, it melted in the mouth, a marvel of delicate sweetness. The table was a delight to the eye. with its big bowl of pink sweet peas in the center-Biddy had selected the pink because they suggested Miss Janet somehow, and she lost no opportunity of appearing in the room to notice every fond glance the newly betrothed interchanged

.That was the very nicest supper you ever gave us Biddy." said Mrs. Graham when the meal was ended at length and they were rising from the

"Yes'm," answered Biddy, humbly, as she gathered up the napkins.

"And it happened to be at a very happy time," went on her mistress. because Janet's engagement to Dr. Brown has just been settled. You must congratulate her by and by." But she was out of the room before Biddy's clumsy tongue could frame a

Ah nobody guessed how much of the elements of art and poetry were served up in the dainty little banquet! Poor Biddy's u developed soul was take the front row of seats in every dumb and helpless. She did not had never seen a great picture, or any statue except the painted images in church at which she gated with plous significant sentence 'Brown's Pills are awe. But not Milton or Raphael or Phidhas had felt more purely the im-Now is not that an inspiration? We pulse of genius than the humble creature who expressed in her perfect biscuits and cases the awakened

That night the moon came out above the eims The lovers sat hand in hand beneath the trees planning all sorts of future joys as they should take their way together through that awimming. The volution of the pronew world which is the old.' Bidelia at her window looked out at them wonderingly with her faded, t red eyes till the resary, slipping through her fingers fell clattering gently on the floor. - Boston Herald.

In the milt of a coddah, or in the water in which vegetables have been infused the microscope discovers animalenti sa minute that 100 000 of them would not ascoud in bulk a aingle mustard seed. And strange as it may seem, each of these lanningsimal creatures is supplied with organs as complete is every detail as are those of the whale or the elephant

The Detractive Woodpecker.

The greatest enemy of suburban shousy. mercus insects which tuhabit the men begin to shen him. wood often leaves the pole literally Little grains of wisdom and little

Blessings That Pullow Water.

There are said to be 13, 977 artesian wolls west of the ninety-seventh if he falls to get his grip checked he meridian which irrigate more than 1:00,000 acres of land; 2,000,000 galloos of water often flow from a which she was scrubbing till it shops single well.

ARMY AND NAVY.

It is said that when the sentimental naming of the Yale and the Harvard was reported to Admiral Dewey faces that the poor cid heart was he was asked if he would not give a collegiate christening to some of the sunken Spanish cruisers when they were raised. "Certainly," said Dewey. 'I will call one the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and another the

Vermont Normal College for Women." Admiral Makaroff of the Russian navy, who has been a firm believer for years in the efficacy of ice-breaking machines, is confident that a practicable ice breaker weighing 20,000 tons may be built on his model. He says that with such a machine he could the nose and head, fullness or crackling break his way to the north pole and that the attempt will be made just as slight cough or whoeziness, snoring dursoon as he has proved the efficiency of his machine for less gigantic

achievements. The following is a summary of the enlistments for the line of the army during the month of December, 1898: Enlistments for general recruiting service, 4,279; enlistments for special recruiting service, 1,085; total, 5,364. Enlistments in cities, 4,477; enlistments at military posts, 887; total, 5,364. In enlistments at city stations Philadelphia leads, with 530 enlisted and 1,507 rejected. New York is second, with 305 men enlisted and 1,410 rejected. The greatest number of enlistments at posts was 129 at Columbus barracks.

Gen, Greely, chief of the United States signal service, is preparing a cipher code for use in the army, which is calculated to save the government between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually in the cost of its cable service with the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba, says the Army and Navy Journal. These messages are frequently quite long, and as dispatches to Manila cost over \$2 a word, cable communication is very expensive. To reduce the cost Gen. Greely is preparing a list of 2,000 words which will represent as many phrases and sentences in general use in military communication. This code is to be used to supplement the commercial cipher now in use by the department. It will be completed before next week and copies sent to the commanding officers in all the colonial possessions of the United States.

NOTABLE MEN AND WOMEN.

Mrs. Collins P. Huntington of New York has given \$10,000 for a new girl's industrial institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

Rev. E. S. Ufford, author of "Throw Out the Life Line," and other wellknown hymns, is on his sixth year as pastor of the Baptist church at Wil-

the holidays by his son, Paul Dwight, a sophomore in Yale college.

It may not be generally known that the still youthful Czar of all the Russias possesses a very fine and admirably trained tenor voice. It is not of great volume, but of sweet and melodious timbre. In the hard times of his early career

Zola lived for three days on three apples. Fire even on the coldest nights was an unknown luxury. Now money is a secondary matter, his ambition being to become a member of the Academy.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is a firm believer in and a stout supporter of the Salvation army. She and her mother regularly send generous checks to the organization to further the work in Holland and in its colonies.

Pope Leo XIII., although over 80, has written a libretto for an oratorio on the subject of "The Baptism of Clovis." The oratorio was performed in the athesest of Reims in December by an orchestra of 120 pieces and a chorus of 200 voices.

VARIOUS FACTS.

It is an unexplained fact that glowworms are much more orilliant just before an approaching storm than at any other time.

The richest gold mine in the world is in Victoria, Australia, under the thriving town of Battarat, and in 50 years has yielded \$150,000,000.

The word "spread," as a slang word, criginated at Cambridge university, It did get imply a profuse feast, however, but a poor one, spread over the table to make a show.

The inventor of the propeller wheel atudied the motion of a fish's tall when peller's blades are exact. the the motions of the fish's tall.

Gelatold, a mixture of gelatine with formaldehyde, is being used for unbreakable goggles to protect the eyes of workmen exposed to flying particles of stone, metal or wood.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Chewing gum was probably invented by a woman who had no one to talk When a man attempts to define in-

justice by tells how the world treats It takes us a lifetime to learn that we are our own best friend and worst.

telephone and telegraph poles is the About the time a man's first baby woodpecker whose search for the nue gets old enough to say things other

> chunks of sense make the wounds of Cupid's shafts a little less intense. A traveler sometimes falls to get his trunk checked when going away, but may go away never to return.

There is nothing so sweet as the oftness and gentleness of power.

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Catarrh Nine Years.

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