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Harry B. Smith is hard at work on the book of a new opera for Camille d'Arville, based upon "Peg Woffington." The music will be by Victor Herbert.
Mme. Odillon, who is at the head of the company of the Vienna Volks theater, which is about to visit London, has been called the Austrian Rejane.
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Uncle Sam and Ban's.
 A favorite expression among the financial exploiters of this country has been "The government should get out of the banking business." Whenever some stock deal could be affected by a reported shipment of gold the subsidized press announced with a pretended shiver that the gold had been drawn from the treasury by the "endless chain" greenback method, and the announcement was invariably accentuated by the declaration that "the government should get out of the banking business." This has been repeated over and over with just as much force as though it was actually a serious proposition.

Now the facts are that the very men who make the greatest pretense on this subject to deceive the people, are the most anxious to have the government as a partner in the business. Bankers would by no means think of such a thing as having the government quit the business. They want to monopolize the issuing of notes and thus control the volume of money and have other benefits which should belong to the people, but they wouldn't think for a moment of any other way but that the government should give them its assistance.

An item of news which appears in the Chicago Evening Journal indicates how anxious the banks are to have Uncle Sam as a partner in the banking business. Here is the proposition:

The clearing house banks of Chicago have sent a petition to the Treasury Department asking that the local sub-treasurer be made a member of the clearing house.

Secretary Gage, while president of the First National Bank, was in favor of such a move, and it is more than likely the request will be granted. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to do this, and there is a theory that the strength of New York influences in the treasury was able to overcome the desires of Chicago bankers.

In the petition the Chicago clearing house members agree to pay the membership fee of \$1,000, and it is probable they will meet requirements of the sub-treasurer in other respects.

The Treasury Department is very strict in its rules concerning indorsements, and on the other hand the clearing house is a very informal institution.

There would probably be little difficulty, therefore, in modifying the rules of the treasury in order to admit on agreeable terms the sub-treasurer to the clearing house. If such an agreement is fixed the advantages to the banks will be many.

Now to fully comprehend the real intent and purposes of this it should be remembered that the clearing house association is merely an organization of bankers for the purpose of helping each other; carrying a concern through a tight place if need be; or, if thought best, to crush out and destroy a rival institution.

The power exerted in this way was never more fully exemplified than it was last winter, when Lyman J. Gage and his associates one Sunday afternoon decided to destroy the National Bank of Illinois, through the power they possessed as directors of the clearing house association. And that bank was wrecked for political reasons by the most heartless autocrat on the face of the earth to-day. What cares he that this infamous act drove W. A. Hammond to suicide and indirectly four others? Over the wreck of half a hundred homes he attains his place as dictator over the finances of seventy million people. Now, with him at the head of the treasury department, he will make the government a partner in the business.

There is just as much reason that the government should take stock in a building and loan association or become stockholder in a race track or gambling dive as that it should join the clearing house association of any city. The banks of New York have had this advantage for years, of being connected through the clearing house with the United States treasury; and it is in this connection which has made them the threatening power which they are to-day.

If ever there was a hypocritical cry raised by the subsidized press and old party politicians it is the demand that the government should get out of the banking business. The banking fraternity is only too anxious that the government be linked with them in their business relations. They deceive the people with false pretenses and wreck those they cannot control.

If the government would set the whole outfit afloat on their own resources they wouldn't exist a week. They live only by their robberies and systems of plunder.

It would be a good thing for the people if the government could get so thoroughly free from the banking business for a while that it wasn't absolutely run by and for the bankers. As it is now they have us by the throat and propose to keep the government right in the business, but not for the good of the people nor the government.—Chicago Express.

Another Democrat Falls.
 "For one, I do not believe it possible to succeed upon a platform that demands the unqualified free coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1 with gold. We have fought that battle and it is lost. We can never fight it over under circumstances more favorable to ourselves. If we hope to succeed we must abandon this extreme demand."

In these words Horace Boies, former Governor of Iowa and erstwhile Dem-

ocratic Presidential aspirant, addressed the voters of the United States who demand the free coinage of silver. He does it through the medium of his letter to Col. D. M. Fox, of Des Moines, which the latter will print in his forthcoming book. And this is one of the men who so nearly captured the "Democratic" nomination last year!

Subservient to England.
 Great Britain is proud of her colonial possessions. She can well boast of the greatness of Australia, the wealth of India, the extent of Canada, but, while from wise motives she says nothing about it, her richest dependency is the territory embraced in the United States.

It is not very flattering to the pride of the American citizen to have the "land of the free and the home of the brave" characterized as a dependency of Great Britain, but while the force of arms does not hold us in thrall the club of commerce keeps us on our knees to England.

Let us look at the statistics for a few moments and see if they do not support the statement that the United States is subservient to England. In the nine months ending on the 31st day of last March, this country sent to Europe \$286,000,000 in the discharge of indebtedness. Every year this nation transmits to Europe about \$300,000,000, of which not less than \$240,000,000 goes into the coffers of England. The last item is simply a little matter of interest at 4 per cent. on \$6,000,000,000 which this country owes.

The United States has its own folly to blame for the existing state of affairs. By following England's lead in every matter of financial importance; by foolishly yielding to a demand that our silver should be dishonored and that every promise made to pay in coin should be interpreted to mean gold coin, this government has sold its independence to England and has made the possibility of securing its freedom doubly doubtful.

The United States pays \$35,000,000 a year to England for freight on merchandise sent across the Atlantic in British boats; thus this country pays interest at the rate of 15 per cent. on England on ships worth \$200,000,000. These ships should be ours, and this interest should be saved.

Charles H. Gramp, in addressing the Senate Committee on Commerce, says: "In the relation of England to India there is something pitiable, because India is helpless; in the relation of the United States to England there is nothing that is not contemptible, because it is the willing servitude of a nation that could help herself if she would."

John Sherman and Grover Cleveland helped to place this country in this contemptible attitude, and the Republican administration, now in power, yields subservience to the English dominance. Is it not wise and patriotic to strive to break these chains?

Increasing the Army.
 There is more or less talk about an increase in the regular army of the United States. It is quite in line with Republican policy that such a move should be contemplated.

Having established the principle that government troops shall be employed against workmen endeavoring to secure living wages by means of a strike, and knowing that gold monopoly cannot fail to reduce the prices paid for labor, it is but natural that Republicans should consider favorably the advisability of increasing the force of the regular army.

Let us see what our regular army is doing at present. For three years 1,500 troops have been quartered at four posts surrounding 1,700 Indians on the San Carlos agency—lacking only 200 soldiers of being one trooper for every Indian. These soldiers cost the government \$20,000 a month, and the expense for the three years they have spent at these posts amounts to about \$700,000.

What sort of warlike employment have these boys in blue been engaged in? Blanking the officers' boots, dusting the officers' clothes, carrying the officers' horses, wasting the government's ammunition, eating the government's food and marching from twenty to forty miles every two weeks for exercise to keep from dying of inanition.

This is the story of just one little band of 1,500 soldiers on the frontier. The rest of the army is doing just about as much work and proving just about as useful.

Really, if the plutocrats want an increase in our standing army, let them organize a private force of their own, pay the soldiers good wages out of their private purse and give the people whom they have made poor a chance to earn a few dollars and to get something to eat and wear. This suggestion is just about as reasonable as the one referred to.

The Difference.
 A plute paper says, "Socialism is anarchy, and anarchy is socialism, and Populism is both." That is the high grade of reasoning employed by papers printed in the city of New York. When the little plutelet reproduces such strong argument against Populism, ask him if he ever saw a school-house or the inner walls of one. If he did—who pays for those buildings, who pays the instructors in those buildings; and he will have to admit that the people do. The children who attend those schools all have equal rights and privileges. What is wrong in that arrangement or system? It is all right. That is the pure state of Populist anarchy. In a city do you see those nice paved streets? Who made those streets? The people. Who pays for the pavement and cleaning of those streets? The people. Who uses those streets? The people. Who gets the benefit? All the people. Who furnishes the electric lights? A few men who are known as a corporation. Who fixes the price to be paid? The corporation. Who pays

the expenses and a profit on the investment? The public. Who reaps the benefit? The corporation.

Do you see the difference between public and corporation ownership?

How Gold Destroys Value.
 Advocates of the present system of currency urge that there is plenty of money to do the business of the country, and point to the fact that the banks of New York are congested and cannot loan their funds, on adequate security, at 3 1/2 per cent. interest.

We have taken occasion heretofore to point out this fact, and we have also pointed out that the employment of a monometallic gold currency is responsible for this unhealthy state of affairs. But none are so blind as those who won't see, and the monometallicists, while they bemoan the fact that they cannot do any business with this vast amount of capital, take great pains to announce that the banks are glutted with money, and hence there must be an abundance of currency.

The very fact they quote to prove their claim is the fact which refutes it. Gold has appreciated so much in its value that there is little left in anything else. Real estate is no longer gold security, for it has depreciated from 50 to 75 per cent. in price during the last five years, and men with money to loan fear a further decline. Under the rule of gold their fears are justified, for the inevitable result of the single gold standard is the continued appreciation of that standard and the equal depreciation of all property values.

It seems strange that men refuse to recognize these facts. They are as obvious as the phenomena of gravitation. Illustrations abound on every hand. Prices for all products have steadily fallen. Value has gone out of property and has gone into gold, and yet the stupid argument is made that because gold is congested in the banks the country has plenty of money.

Money in banks is dead. It is of no more use to traffic than gold in the veins of the mountains.—Farm News.

Hanna's Hard Fight.
 In spite of Hanna's bluff and the boasting on the part of his immediate supporters, the feeling among the rank and file of the Republican party in Ohio is anything but confident.

Those who look at the situation with judicious coolness remember that the State was at one time, during the last Presidential contest, lost to the Republicans, and that it took a barrel of money to get it away from Bryan. The strong free silver sentiment that almost swept Ohio from Republican moorings in 1896 has grown immensely since that time, owing to the fact that promised prosperity has failed to dawn, and because the evil effects of the gold standard are making themselves felt more keenly with every day that passes.

State pride in the Ohio nominee for President swelled the Republican vote last November, and at that time the party was practically harmonious. Things are in quite a different shape now. President McKinley is not a candidate, and Mark Hanna is. There is a bitter factional fight among the Republicans, and while an apparent peace has been forced upon the contending leaders, there will be ample opportunity for the quiet use of the stiletto on election day.

Not Advocating Free Silver.
 "We are not advocating free silver now." Such was the wording of a private message received in Washington announcing the future policy of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The change from a radical free silver organ is due to the abdication of Charles H. Jones, who has sold his interest to Joseph Pulitzer and retired from the management.—Special to The Indianapolis News.

There you have it. One by one the Democratic dailies are closing their columns against the advocacy of silver, and are turning "goldbugs." Several other papers have abandoned silver, and slowly but surely the "Democratic party" will come to the point when it will do as it has so often done before—abandon finance reform and return to its wallowing in the mire.

A Belligerent Parson.
 In a recent little book by Mr. F. S. Child, on "The Colonial Parson of New England," some lively anecdotes are recalled of the patriotic ministers of the Revolutionary period, many of whom exhorted their flocks to war, while there were a few—a very few—whose ardor was such that they did not stop at exhortation. One of these was Doctor Daggott of New Haven, who, when the city was burned by the enemy, was observed standing solitary in a little clump of bushes with his gun, blazing away at the British with all his might.

An officer and a few soldiers were detached to capture the lone warrior. When they came close upon him, their leader exclaimed, disrespectfully: "What are you doing there, you old fool, firing on his Majesty's troops?" "Exercising the rights of war," promptly replied the ministerial sharpshooter.

"If I let you go this time, you rascal," cried the officer, amused, "will you ever fire again upon the troops of his Majesty?" "Nothing more likely!" was the grim reply.

He was taken prisoner and marched to another part of the town, but was finally allowed to go free. Perhaps his marksmanship had not been equal to his belligerency, and they thought it quite safe to be magnanimous.

No part of a tree can be removed from the grounds of Holyrood palace without the permission of the Queen. One, dating from the reign of Queen Mary, was recently blown down, and before the gardeners could touch it, a photograph had to be forwarded to the Queen, who formally ordered its removal.

Piggly Had a Pull.
 Pretty nearly every one knows or ought to know what an old-fashioned "candy-pull" means, says the Hartford Courant. It used to beat the "apple-bees" and such country affairs away out of sight, and was a much sweeter way of enjoying a winter evening. It chanced recently that a family in the outskirts of the city thought they would indulge the children in one of these pastimes, and things were made ready. It was just at the end of the last snow, and when the molasses had been boiled sufficiently and had been "tried" by dropping a few drops on a bit of snow, the dishful was placed on the snow just outside the door, the quicker to cool off and be ready for pulling.

Some half-grown pigs had been capering about the yard, likely to keep warm, and one of them chanced to come upon the dish of sweet stuff, which by that time had become considerably cooled on the surface, so that when the fellow's nose touched it it was not in the least uncomfortable. The supposition is that, with his usual avariciousness, the fellow plunged his "snout" away down to the bottom of the vessel. Naturally he got a petty warm reception when he hit the middle of the mess, and quite naturally, too, he pulled—pulled for dear life.

The half-cooled candy stuck to him like a leech, and with an audible grunt he fell as best he might. The people who were chatting within while the cooling process was going on hurried to the door just in time to see piggly lighting out, candy and all, for freedom. They gave chase, but they might as well have tried to catch a cyclone. The youngster finally ran himself out, so to speak, the candy having meantime cooled out sufficiently to make it quite a difficult matter to remove the incumbrance from the poor brute's nose. It is understood the "pull" that was down for the evening was indefinitely postponed.

After a girl has spent the summer at the seashore, or ridden a bicycle, she feels no embarrassment on a windy day.

The cheapest sort of a newspaper item is to print that a person just convicted of being crazy knows something sensational.

A ball player does not object to being called fast.

Found in the Waste Basket.
 It is said that there are three good husbands in Atchison.

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The woman who wears such full leaves to her clothes that they dip in her butter and jam, should elope to some desert island with the man who gets up in his whiskers.

Every man has a right to a chance, and every man has a chance to be somebody.

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