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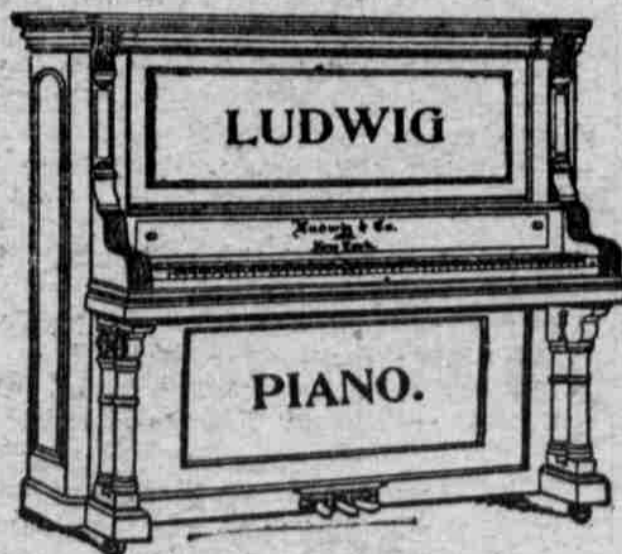
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"In closing this statement I desire to say that we have entered and are conducting this struggle without malice and without bitterness; we believe that our antagonists are acting upon misrepresentation rather than in bad faith; we regard them not as ene-

mies, but as opponents, and we strike in patience until they shall accede to our demands or submit to impartial arbitration the differences between us. We are striking not to show our strength, but the justice of our cause, and we desire only the privilege of presenting our case to a fair tribunal. We ask not for favors, but for justice, and we appeal our case to the solemn judgment of the American people.

"Involved in this fight are questions weightier than any question of dollars and cents. The present miner has had his day; he has been oppressed and ground down, but there is another generation coming up, a generation of little children prematurely doomed to the whirl of the mill and the noise and blackness of the breaker. It is for these little children we are fighting. We have not underestimated the strength of our opponents; we have not overestimated our own power of resistance, accustomed always to live upon little, a little less is no unendurable hardship. It was with a quaking of hearts that we asked for our last pay envelopes, but in the grimy and bruised hand of the miner was the little white hand of a child, a child like the children of the rich, and in the heart of the miner was the soul-rooted determination to starve to the last crust of bread and fight out the long, dreary battle to win a life for the child and secure for it a place in the world in keeping with advancing civilization."

GOOD SHORT STORIES

Couldn't Boss the Clergyman.

The Rev. R. Perry Bush, of Chelsea, who was present in a ministerial capacity at the opening of the convention of the Massachusetts Embalmers' association at the Quincy House, last Wednesday, says the Boston Herald, consented, in the absence of Mayor Collins, who was to address the body, to speak a few words of greeting. He related an instance of a stuffy undertaker and a funeral.

"As I entered the church," said Mr. Bush, "I was greeted by the undertaker in charge of the funeral, who said: 'I want you to stand there, pointing to half-way up the pulpit steps.

"I prefer to stand either at the top or the bottom," I replied. "Then I can see my audience."

"You stand where I tell you," was the retort. "I'm running this funeral."

"But you are not running me," I answered, "and I will give you just one minute to withdraw your order or get another minister." And I took out my watch and commenced to count off the seconds. At the thirtieth he said: "Well, stand where you darn please!" "And I did," exclaimed Mr. Bush.

Joke on the Author.

An author—for obvious reasons he would not care to have his name used—recently had a call from a friend who was about to start on a journey.

"I wish I had something good to read on the train," remarked the friend.

"Have you read my last book?" asked the author.

"No," answered the friend. "What is it—romance or humor?"

"It's supposed to be humor," laughed the author, "and I don't mind giving you a copy on an advertising basis."

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"I'll try it," said the friend, and he took the book.

Of course, this was all said in fun, and it was so understood, but, as the friend rolled along in the parlor car it occurred to him that the humorous possibilities of the situation were not entirely exhausted. So it happened that the author received the following telegram, sent from a way station:

"Don't want the book on terms quoted."—Lippincott's.

Doing Better.

A very plain man in Glasgow has a very pretty daughter. One day she was sitting on his knee right before a looking glass. She contemplated the reflection of their two faces and then asked:

"Papa, did God make me?"

"Yes, dear," he replied.

"And did He make you?"

"Yes."

Looking again in the mirror she drew a long breath and rejoined: "He must be turning out better work lately; isn't He?"—Scottish American.

Made in Germany.

The late emperor of Germany, says the New York Times, once sent to an aide-de-camp, Col. Malachowsky, who was brave but poor, a small portfolio, bound like a book, in which was deposited 500 crowns. Some time afterward he met the officer and said to him:

"Ah, well, how did you like the new work which I sent to you?"

"Excessively, sire," replied the colonel; "I read it with such interest that I expect the second volume with impatience."

The king smiled, and, when the officer's birthday arrived, he presented him with another portfolio, similar in every respect to the first, but with these words engraved upon it:

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