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Coldwater (Mich.) Star: Of course Postmaster General Payne is after the postoffice "grafters!" That is the reason he and his family appropriated a government vessel to spend the summer for his health out on the briny deep so far away from the stench that reached clear into his private office, and now places himself into contempt of court by refusing to appear for examination before the grand jury upon a subpoena issued at the behest of Beavers, one of the indicted men who has voluntarily given himself up after the police and inspectors "failed" to find him for all this time. Payne thinks it time the investigation of his department was stopped and he has run off to the Virginia Hot Springs for a bath—and to evade the subpoena.

Maupin's Little Talk

I want to have a little heart-to-heart talk with readers of The Commoner. Somebody—I think it was Solomon—said, "Of the making of books there is no end." He—or some other—also said, "O that mine enemy would write a book." I have written a book—not much of one, I frankly confess, but it's the best I have done so far—and I want to sell it. It is only one of many books published—not THE one of many. It is merely a collection of sketches and verses that have appeared in THE COMMONER and other publications, and is given the title

Whether Common or Not

It will be very handsomely and substantially bound in cloth, will be printed from clear type on good book paper, and will have upwards of 250 pages. Mr. Bryan has written a "foreword" for the volume, and it will have a fac simile of his signature attached thereto. Other authors have written better books, but no other author ever wanted to sell his book any more than I want to sell mine. If you want to know why I want to sell it, write me, enclosing an order for the book. You needn't send the money with the order, for the book will not be ready for delivery until December 1, 1903. But if you say you want it I'll know how many to print. I'll print only a few too many I lose out. I'll enter your order, and when the book is ready I'll notify you. Then you can send the price, \$1, and I will send you the book. If you do not like it you can give it to some one who does not like either of us.

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The Scheme That Won.

James Hawkins had it figured that if he had half a chance To exercise his talents as he would, He could blossom quickly into quite a master of finance, And add a whole lot to the people's good. And likewise, on the quiet, he could worldly store increase By making all to him a tribute pay. So Hawkins set about it and he worked without surcease To have financial power come his way.

One day he said, "I've got it!" and he chortled in his glee, And set about to put his plan in force. He had some handbills printed that were very nice to see, For Hawkins wouldn't start his work off coarse.

James Hawkins, Private Banker," was the headline big and bold That greeted people's eyes on ev'ry side; While "Does a Banking Business," also "Bonds Both Bought and Sold," Appeared in gilded letters high and wide.

"Now, friends," said Mr. Hawkins, when his bank was put in trim, "Just put your bank money in my vault so tight;" And people rushed to do it, saying, "Well now, seein' Jim Has got to be a banker he's all right."

So Hawkins took their money till his vault was running o'er And money was like teeth in barn-yard hen. And when Jim saw he couldn't get his hands on any more He put his little scheme in action then.

"I'll issue notes," said Hawkins, "and I'll lend it with a zest To all who've got security to give. But I have got to gather quite a heavy interest, 'Cause as a banking man I've got to live."

And when the people asked him, "Mr. Hawkins, how are we To know your pretty notes are good and square?" He swelled up quite important and he answered, "Look at me— They're backed up by your money locked in there."

This satisfied the people and they cheered aloud for Jim And thought he did them kindness when he loaned Them bank notes based on money they had gladly left with him, And paid him interest on what they owned.

When'er they got a dollar of real money, off they went And put it in the Hawkins vault to sleep. Then borrowed Hawkins' bank notes at a rate of cent per cent That was, to say the least, almighty steep.

And Hawkins, rich and portly, lived a life of perfect ease, And gathered himself riches more and more; While those who paid him tribute had to scrimp and save and squeeze To keep the wolf of want from out their door.

And Hawkins shrewdly managed by his "philanthropic acts" To make them think he was of friends the chief,

And gave the town a building full of books—and left the tax On those already bowed by weight of grief.

Don't think these people only to the foolish class belong— For others are included in their class. And if you doubt the statement or insist that I am wrong, Just stand a while before your looking-glass.

James Hawkins, I assure you, is no myth, for he's alive And working you without a moment's rest. At your expense he's living and his paying game will thrive Until you knock his system galley west.

Brain Leaks.
The true Christian always looks it. He is richest who gets most enjoyment out of what he has.

The other man's work always appears the easiest to perform. It is always safe to trust the man who warms the bridled bits on a winter morning.

Of course there is room at the top, but is there plenty of opportunity at the bottom? Some people observe Thanksgiving and then bow their acknowledgements to themselves.

A whole lot of men excuse dirty political tricks by saying that it is "good politics." Charity begins at home, but it never amounts to much until it takes some outdoor exercise.

We never see a woman lavishing caresses on a pug dog without feeling sorry for the dog. The man who quits courting his wife usually wonders why she quits being his sweetheart.

The man who buys books solely for their bindings usually picks his friends because of their clothes. The average boy is always most deeply interested in his studies just at the time when he should be getting in the kindlings.

How often we wish that we could raise children as well as those men and women who have no children think they could.

There is but one reason why we should do a thing that should be done, but we can generally find a dozen reasons for not doing it.

The pessimist is a man who draws down the blinds to shut out the sunlight in order that he may sit in the gloom and worry about it.

Captain Kidd's reputation would not have been improved a bit if he had taken to a captaincy of industry instead of taking to buccaneering.

The latest fashion in men's trousers is to have them made extremely wide and loose about the hips. The narrower the head the wider the trousers.

The husband who never gives his wife a cent unless she asks for it is usually the fellow who wonders most how a woman can get along with one pocket.

My boy, if you have not learned to use tobacco, ponder on this fact: No man who uses it is glad that he learned how, and no man who does not use it is sorry that he never learned how.

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