

connected with the discovery of "kina," as the native Indians of Peru called the cinchona trees from which quinine is derived. What do you call it—kwi-nine, kwe-noon, kin-nine, keen-noon or kin-noon? It is possible that your pronunciation of the word may discover your birthplace. What a lot of names the drug has had! Quinine, cinchona, countess' powder, Jesuit's bark, Cardinal De Lugo's powder, Peruvian bark, China bark, quina, quinquina, chinchona bark, etc.

The world is indebted to Louis XIV for its general introduction. In France and Italy physicians who prescribed its use were persecuted. Protestants altogether repudiated it. Robert Talbot, an Englishman, cured the dauphin with it, and Louis le Grand was induced to buy the secret. He was the only king that ever embarked in the drug business.

The discovery of cinchona bark is enveloped in mystery. The wife of the Spanish viceroy in Peru was Countess Chinchon. She was cured of an intermittent fever by drinking an infusion of the bark, introduced it in Madrid and bestowed her name upon it—Chinchona. We have corrupted this into cinchona. That's one story. Another is that the Jesuit missionaries, who were accustomed to taste the bark of every tree they hewed down, discovered the precious febrifuge. A third is that certain animals while in a fever happened to gnaw the bark of the cinchona tree and were cured. A fourth is that some persons suffering with fever drank copiously of a pool of water in which some fallen cinchona trees had long been soaking, charging the water with the medicinal principle. Their speedy cure led to an investigation which discovered quinine.

One of the strange things about quinine is that it is not used as medicine in the practice of the native physicians of Peru, Ecuador or Colombia. The Indians did not even know of its existence until enlightened by the Spaniards about 250 years ago.—New York Press.

**Power Behind the Boom**

The New York correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, under date of May 2, sent to his newspaper a report from which the following extracts are taken:

As if to emphasize the friendliness of Judge Parker to trusts, the democratic state committee, at a meeting in Albany on Saturday, against the wishes of Hill, but at the dictation of McCarran, blue eyed Billy Sheehan and August Belmont himself, acting in behalf of and at the express request of Judge Parker himself, elected as chairman Cord Meyer, who inherited his association with corporations from his father, who sold out his refinery to the sugar trust, and who is identified with as many wealthy corporations as almost any man in New York.

If Parker should be elected president, Cord Meyer, as chairman of the New York central committee certainly would have something to say in the next administration at Washington. It would be flying in the face of human nature to assume for an instant that Cord Meyer and August Belmont would do anything hostile to the great corporations with which they and their fathers were associated, and in whose funds their own fortunes and those of their descendants are invested today.

Cord Meyer's father used to supply bone and charcoal to the Havemeyer sugar refineries. Later on he became a refiner himself, and subsequently sold out to the sugar trust, receiving, of course, stock in that organization. When he died he left a fortune of between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, which was divided among five children, Cord Meyer being the oldest son. When the campaign opens in New York state

the republicans will naturally circulate among the farmers handbills showing the companies with which the chairman of the democratic state central committee is identified. In the meanwhile the same handbills probably will be mailed to the delegates to the St. Louis convention as a part of the campaign now being inaugurated to stamp Judge Parker as a special friend and the chosen candidate of trust influence.

It may be worth while remembering, therefore, that Cord Meyer, who, by the way, was beaten for secretary of state when he ran in 1893, is interested in the active management of the American Agricultural Chemical company, the Hanover National bank, the Home Insurance company, the Lake Charles Rice Milling company, the Lampon Zinc company, the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, the Windsor Trust company, the Citizens' Water Supply company, the Cord Meyer company, the Colonial Safe Deposit company, the Colonial Trust company, and the Kings County Trust company, besides a whole string of other corporations in which he is a heavy stockholder, and with whose interests he is necessarily identified both personally and politically.

Mr. Meyer is nominally a Tammany man. He has always been a large contributor to the democratic fund, and is said to be one of the best "fat fryers" in the democratic party. Taking one consideration with another, Mr. Hill seems to have piled up a pretty good trust record for the New York state campaign. In the first place he attempted a platform which seems to indicate, as far as it indicates anything, a declaration in favor of state rights and the exclusive control of corporations by state and not by the federal government. The chairman of the state central committee is an old sugar trust man, who is still identified with more corporations than he could possibly count once around on his fingers and toes.

The active political influence in favor of Parker next to Hill himself is William F. Sheehan, he of the mild blue eyes. He is counsel for August Belmont and his subway, as well as for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit railway. He was active in the last legislature in promoting the passage of various street railway grabs. He has been a trust lawyer and a lobbyist since before the day when he was lieutenant governor under Flower. Sheehan is to be made a member of the national committee once more, from which he was ousted by Norman Mack. Sheehan notoriously bolted Bryan both in 1896 and 1900.

August Belmont is to be the active man of the Parker campaign, so far as the financial end is concerned. He was to have been a delegate at large to St. Louis, but it was feared his name would do Parker more harm than good. The democrats from the south and west have not yet forgotten the part August Belmont and the coterie of financiers he represents played in inducing Grover Cleveland to issue bonds to a Wall street syndicate at extortionate prices. Mr. Cleveland, beyond all question, saved the country from going on a silver basis, but he did it at a fearful price, and the success of the popular bond issue before he went out of office demonstrated that he had permitted himself to be used to pour a stream of many millions into the hands of an unscrupulous ring of financiers in New York city.

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