### SEPTEMBER 16, 1904.

# The Commoner.

temporary comfort to a principle for ing man to have a home worthy the which they are willing to face want and privation-a principle which every fair-minded man and woman should uphold-the right of the laborer to an equitable portion of the fruits of his labor.

It is not much that these men ask.

Only enough to enable the man, as a husband and father, to provide adequate sustenance for his family, without being compelled to put his wife and babies into the sweat shop to assist him in providing the scantiest ings with a degree of serviceable unnecessities which the human body requires.

Fivt dollars, or even seven dollars a week, will not do this, even though the women and children of the family work side by side with the husband and father.

The unjust labor condition which prevails today is the greatest menace to the American home and the American family. A woman who is obliged to breathe the foul air of a factory, or sit over a machine in a sweatshop for hours at a stretch, can not be a healthy or competent mother for her children. The child that is forced to spend its years of babyhood and childhood in the factory in order to supply its frail body with the crust with which to maintain life, can never become the stalwart citizen that the country needs.

It is the unfairness between capital and labor that fills to overflowing jails and infirmaries and makes puny, irresponsible and stunted mental and physical creatures of those who were created little lower than the angels. Bishop Fallows shows little patience with the wealthy packer who would grind the employe down to the extremity of the last crust. He realizes that the packer must live, but says that he must also "let live." He pleads for a wage that will enable the work-

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"It is not Christ's political economy to buy human flesh and blood in the lowest labor market and sell its products in the highest demand market. That is the devil's political economy, no matter who may teach or practice it," declares this preacher, who has informed himself on the subject.

It is a wonderful thing for the church that its leaders are finding girl, their real work, and it is a fine thing for humanity that Christianity is today interpreting the Master's teachderstanding which it has not heretofore practiced .- Columbus Press-Post.

## The Limit is 35

The Delaware and Hudson railroad has made its age limit for new employes thirty-five years. This announcement is contained in a new set of rules just issued and distributed to employes. In furure no one will be employed who is under twenty-one or over thirty-five. Consternation was caused by this clause at first, employes over thirty-five expecting to lose their positions, but it has been explained it relates only to new employes. They will also be compelled to underge a rigid physical examination.

Applicants as well as the present employes must be conversant with the rules and the examinations will be severe. Each class of employes will be allowed a certain time to acquire knowledge of the new rules before submitting to the examination .-- Wilkesbarre, Pa., Telegram to the New York Herald.

#### **Irish Petato Falls**

Rivaling the Irish potato in flavor, exceeding it in production and furnishing at the same time from its blossoms an exquisite perfume, a new white potato is being exploited in France. Thornwell Haynes, United States consul at Roven, has reported it to the state department,

Mr. Haynes says that this wild aquaic vegetable was introduced from the banks of the river Mercedes, Uruguay, and distributed in France by Professor Heckel, director of the Colonial Institute of Marsennes. In its original state the tuber is very bitter, but Dr. Heckel pronounces marvelous the results of four years of experiments with it.

## What A Girl Did Such a pretty story comes from New

York.

There was Katie Schwartz, as sweet as a bunch of roses, and only 12 years old, and Charles Schmidt, a drunken and rather worthless longshoreman, BYE, Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. There was Katie Schwartz, as sweet and a police court, that would scare the very wits out of the average little

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## Cost of Coronation

The cost of the coronation of King Edward VII., detairs of which were recently published, establishes a record for modern times. It was considered, until yesterday, a lordly and magnificent thing for the subjects of George IV. to spend £238,00 in putting a crown on his head, but we have eclipsed their lavishness by £121,000. William IV. and Queen Adelaide were content with a modest £50,000. It is not easy to understand in what King Edwards' £359,-000 was sunk, not so easy, at least, as in the case of George IV .- a sumptuous record of wnose coronation proved too costly to finish. The part which did appear contained seventythree colored drawings, "finished like enamels, on velvet and white satin." Each portrait cost fifty guineas. A different spirit animated Earl Gray, when defending the ministry from a charge of unseemingly mutilations in regard to King Edward's coronation. "It was the hope of the king and the ministers," he said, "to prevent a heavy burden from falling on the people."-London Chronicle.

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