The Patriot's Prayer

I know oft times the way is hard My feet must tread.

My journey thorns and rocks retard, And nets are spread.

So give me, Lord, the strength that Thou alone

Can give to make my burden light. Give me, I pray, a faith that will abide,

A faith that I shall see, whate'er betide.

The final triumph of the right.

Though gloomy clouds obscure the sun And blot the day;

And small doth seem the tasks I've done

Along the way,

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Yet still I pray that Thou, O Lord, will give

My weary eyes a clearer sight

- That I may seek beyond the clouds and See
- With eyes of hope the final victory And triumph of the right.
- Plant in my heart a deep, abiding love For fellow men;
- And teach me, Lord, to put their rights above

My ease-and then

- Give me the faith and hope to do and dare
- That I may labor with my utmost might;

Give to my heart a love abiding, deep,

- To make me for my weaker brother keep
- In mind respect for ev'ry human right.

In Doubt

"Have you made the acquaintance of Webberly yet?"

"Yes. What does he do?"

I meet him he smells of gasoline and I don't know whether he owns an au- Czar and peasants are forgotten, we've tomobile, drives a tank wagon or has been cleaning his clothes."

tions have no regard for the rights of the people. It is time that we teach 'em a lesson. We ought to -" "Have public ownership, eh?"

But the Prominent Citizen had piked off through the snow, muttering to himself.

In Season

He bought a stove for fifty plunks Of the self-feeding kind. Since then he's found his coal account Is running far behind. And now he's making earnest search And hoping that he soon Can find another kind of stove. And feed it with a spoon.

"By Special Cable"

after once being lost. 'Consuelo has an earache!" Thus the fateful news was sped O'er three thousand miles of cable laid upon the ocean's bed. gave her such a twist That she had to leave the table and throw up her hand at whist. To an obscure page was shunted news of Russia and Japan; For St. Petersburg and Moscow news I vainly search and scan. For some news of vaster value had the right of way, you know-'Conseulo had an earache"-and the cable told us so. "Consuelo had an earache!" Kuropat- he looks his age. kin, to the rear!! What are campaign plans, I ask you, by dear Consuelo's ear? 'Consuelo had an earache!" Nogi

hike to yon rear seat! You're all right to make a filler, but our duchess has you beat.

"Well, I am in doubt. Every time Wars and riots are back numbers, great reforms take second place; some sad news from her grace.

And we seize our daily paper and its

closest to the radiator. "It means the destruction of private enterprise, the withering of private initiative, and calculated to build up a governmental machine that will enable the administration in power to perpetuate itself and breed a monarchy."

The Commoner.

This and more did the pompous gentleman say. When he paused for breath the cattlemen asked:

"Pardon me, sir; but might I enquire who you are?"

"Yes, sir!" said the pompous gentleman. "My card."

As the card was passed around the assembly read:

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P. MIERPONT JORGAN

Traffic Manager D., Q. & X. Ry.

Brain Leaks

There is no honor among thieves. Honor is easier retained than found

The longest way around the bar room is the shortest way home.

We would rather have the reputa-"Consuelo had an earache," and it tion of some men than their character.

> There is a vast difference between being a cross bear and a cross bearer.

Some politicians who think they are fooling the people are merely fooling themselves.

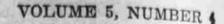
The wise merchant believes in signs -and uses them in the shape of advertisements.

A man may be sure that he is growing old when he begins wondering if

Those who work hardest to get something to eat are the ones who most enjoy eating.

It has been said that the great poets are all dead-and the others are having a hard time making a living.

Not all the funny sayings attributed to children have their origin with the funny papers. A Lncoln little girl sat down to the breakfast table the other morning and plaintively remarked: "O, mamma; I'm getting so tired of these milkweed cakes."







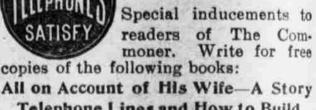
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CONTROL OFFICE Sarca.stic

"What do you think my wife did the other night when I came home so late.'

"Lectured you good, eh?" "Nope. She opened the door, let me

in, and then handed me the dictionary without so much as opening her mouth."

The Ownership of the Ox

The Prominent Citizen stood shivering on the corner, waiting for the 10:10 car.

"Not much!" exclaimed the P. C. "I am opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities. Private corporations can manage these things much better."

"But do you not think that -' "Think nothing!" shouted the P. C. "Private ownership is the thing. Now, it we had irresponsible public ownership during this severe weather where would we be? With no responsible management the cars would be irregular and we-where'n Sam Hill is that car? I've been here twenty minutes, and we are supposed to have a ten minute service.'

"But with private ownership and a monopoly, don't you see that we are at the mercy of -"

"No, sir! No public ownership for me. We get good service when private corporations have control andconfound that car! I'll be late for lunch. What's the matter?"

P. C.

columns we peruse--'Consuelo had an earache"-and the cable told the news.

'Consuelo had an earache!" And the vaunted "open door"

May shut fast and smash our fingers and we'll never make a roar. 'Consuelo had an earache!" What are

tariffs, trusts and rates? Tis such news from o'er the ocean

that our being agitates. Shrieking headlines charm no longer,

double-leaded stuff we shun, And adown the printed column anx-

ious eyes now quickly run, our souls are sick with anguish For and our hearts chock full of

woe-"Consuelo had an earache"-and the

cable told us so.

Of Course

The group around the radiator in the hotel had been discussing things in general for a couple of hours and the topic of conversation gradually drifted around to government supervision of railroad rates.

The cattleman, the representatives of the wholesale grocery and dry goods houses, the retail merchant, and the half-dozen consumers were unanimous in declaring that the government should exercise supervision.

"Gentlemen, such a proposition is revolutionary, socialistic, anarchistic, "Flake o' snow fell on a rail up contrary to the fundamental ideas of street," piped a small hoy. "Stuck the our government, subversive of states rights, dangerously near centralization "That's just the way," growled the and unjust to vested rights," exclaimed "These public utility corpora- the pompous and well-fed man sitting ly \$5,000,000.

A Good Almanac

The Baltimore Sun, with its usual promptness, has placed its almanac for 1905 upon the market. It contains a great deal of interesting information, including the platforms of the various parties and the election returns of last year.

The Other Way Round

"Does your annual salary never disturb you?" asked the conscientious citizen. "Do you feel that you are giving the voters anything for your money?" "I confess," said Senator Sorghum, "that I never thought about it in that light. I have been interested in seeing whether the voters could be persuaded to give me anything for my money."-Washington Star.

A Coal Eater

The total coal production of the United States is now at the rate of 1,000,000 tons per day, and the consumption of coal by railroads is equal to 40 per cent of this, or 400,000 tons per day. The fuel bill of a railroad contributes about 10 per cent of the total expense of operation and 30 to 40 per cent of the total cost of running the locomotives. A locomotive will consume on an average \$5,000 worth of coal per annum, and for a road having an equipment of 1,000 locomotives the coal bill is approximate-

