

THE DOUGHNUT OR THE HOLE?

Along in the fall of 1908, when we were whooping it up for Bryan and a revision of the tariff, some of our good republican friends turned upon us the cold optic of scorn, and blithely warbled "you can't convert us; why the grand old party is pledged to what our big leader calls 'a substantial revision downward,' so of course we'll stay by our party."

Voted for a man who had always before held an appointive office and whose real ability had been hidden by the services of a cloud of "underlings" and secret advisors while he was given all credit.

This we even tried to show them but they laughed us to scorn, threatened to maltreat us personally and stated that henceforth our name with them was anathama.

They know better now. Some fellows have to have the gimlet and sledge hammer method—and they're getting it.

"Let's have a continuation of good times;" "Let well enough alone;" "Look at the doughnut and not at the hole." And these cries, which originated from the Aldrich hirelings in the east, were phonographically taken up by poor fellows who really believed what they were yelling.

Where's their doughnut now? Nearly all hole, isn't it, our republican friends? And the hole in your pocketbook gets larger and larger as you attempt to keep your family in sufficient food. How does this list strike you?

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THE WEEDS OF WANDER LANE

In Wander Lane the weeds grow tall, And there I love to walk. For somehow I do love them all And love with them to talk.

Down Wander Lane I often go, And leave those flowers behind That in my formal garden grow And scent the squandering wind.

They rest the soul and rest the heart, And strengthen both anew, As one who, drinking long of Art, Doth yearn again for dew;

In Wander Lane the weeds grow strong, With no one's hand to rule; They wear the dignity of song, Untaught of any school;

By giving reduced rates for travel under certain conditions, Belgium has enormously increased her passenger business and revenue.—Ex.

FROM THE HOTEL ANNEX

There was a big convention going on in a small town and the proprietor of the only hotel had leased a church across the street from the hotel and had put beds in to accommodate the overflow.

Two drummers who had been imbibing quite freely were given beds in the church.

About 2 o'clock in the morning the church bell, which was also the town fire alarm, began to ring. It brought out the fire department and all of the natives.

When the proprietor of the hotel

rushed across the street and into the church he called out:

"Who's ringing that bell?" "I am," responded one of the drummers. "Send over two Scotch highballs and a pitcher of ice water to pew 17."—Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

TRAGEDY

Elderly Gentlemen—Say, did you see a hat that blew off that car?

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