

## COST OF CHEAP LABOR.

The strike of the Chicago garment workers has cost the manufacturers at least \$4,000,000 through the cancellation of orders because of the walkout. In addition to this loss the manufacturers have seen thousands of dollars' worth of material ruined by incompetent strike breakers. In one shop alone 2,000 waistcoats were "botched," and the superintendent of the company decided it would be cheaper to close the shop than to pay the help it had.

## UNIONS SUSPENDED.

### Carpenters and Steamfitters Dropped From Building Trades.

Two international unions have been suspended by the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor. These are the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the International Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America, representing approximately 215,000 men.

The trouble had its origin during the Tampa (Fla.) convention of the building trades department, when the Sheet Metal Workers' International alliance complained that members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners were erecting metal doors and trim and contended that such work belonged to their organization. After hearing both sides the contention of the sheet metal workers was sustained. Instructions were then issued immediately to the carpenters and joiners to discontinue all such work. The carpenters appeared, however, to have taken the contrary view of the matter and declined to follow the decision that was rendered against them and persisted in accepting contracts for work that the sheet metal workers had complained against. For this action upon the part of the carpenters and joiners that body was suspended. The organization has 200,000 men on its rolls.

In the case of the International Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America, as well as the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Gasfitters, Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers, the department instructed both not to attempt to organize steamfitters and their helpers in territory already covered by one or the other of these bodies. The International Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America is said to have repeatedly violated this agreement, and for this came its suspension, involving fully 16,000 workmen throughout the entire country.

There are but two courses that can be followed by the suspended unions for reinstatement in the building trades department. One is a pledge to abide in future by all decisions and the ones they are charged with the violation of, or they may appeal to the American Federation of Labor and if sustained by that body could secure representation in the building trades department once more.

Regardless of what action either international may deem it best for its own interests to take, the cause of both will be presented at the next convention of the federation for some sort of action.

### A Christian Nonunionist.

The officers of the New York printers' union recently received a resignation from membership which for uniqueness stands at the top of its class. Here it is:

"I hereby hand in my resignation as

a member of Typographical union No. 6. Have concluded that I cannot consistently go on with unionism in the light I have as a Christian. See II Corinthians vi, 14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness?" To which President Tole replied with a quotation from Joshua xxiv, 13, "And I have given you a land for which ye did not labor and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and olive yards which ye planted not do ye eat."—Brooklyn Eagle.

### Use Short Words.

Literary aspirants should religiously eschew polysyllabic orthography. The philosophical and philological substructure of this principle is ineluctable. Excessively attenuated verbal symbols inevitably induce unnecessary complexity and consequently exaggerate the obfuscation of the mentality of the peruser. Conversely, expressions which are reduced to the furthest minimum of simplification and compactness, besides contributing realistic verisimilitude, constitute a much less onerous handicap to the reader's perspicacity.

Observe, for instance, the unmistakable and inescapable expressiveness of onomatopoeic, interjectional, monosyllabic utterances, especially when motivated under strenuous emotional circumstances. How much more appealing is their euphonious pulchritude than the preposterous and pretentious pomposity of elongated verbiage.—Life.

### A Shock For Tennyson.

If any one asked Holman Hunt about persons he would tell delightful frank anecdotes concerning, maybe, the great men he knew and loved and measured exactly. He liked a spice of fun in everything, too, and his face beamed as he described a walk with Tennyson he had lately taken. They heard footsteps behind, and the great man frowned. "How they dog us, Hunt! How shall we escape them?"

"Just sit on the stile till they pass," said the matter of fact artist. They did so, and two lads in knickerbockers marched by swinging their sticks and not even turning their heads. Tennyson was chapfallen.

"Do you know, Hunt," he said, "I do not think they know who I am."

"Very likely, my dear Tennyson, and they would not even know if you told them!"—"Recollections of Holman Hunt" in London Academy.

### Provided For in Advance.

A playwright in an interview in New York said that without attention to the minutest details theatrical success could rarely be attained.

"And yet," he added, smiling, "even this grand virtue of attention to details may be carried to excess. Thus a certain playwright said at rehearsal to his leading man:

"Now, remember, John, after you speak this line, 'Helen, I will save you though I perish,' pause and wait for the applause."

"But the leading man sneered and answered cynically:

"How do you know there'll be any applause?"

"That is my business, not yours, John," the playwright answered with calm confidence."—Washington Star.

### Doesn't Require Magic.

Closefist—I saw a magician last night who made ten dollar bills disappear as though they had never existed.

Spendit—Huh! I can do that.—Philadelphia Record.

Fairy tales are made out of the dreams of the poor.—Lowell.

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