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Is an article entitled "The Duty of Government to Unfortunate Children," by Ruth Everett, which appears in the Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country, New York, for January, a strong plea is made to those benevolent inclined, as well as to the governments, in behalf of the feeble and the crippled children, who are cared for—or forgotten, which—at public expense, in the public charitable institutions in every large city—aye, and the smaller ones—throughout the world. Those in the institutions on Randall's Island, New York—some illustrations of the departments of which are used as an object lesson—number more than a thousand of these unfortunate. That institution is cited as the best of its kind anywhere. And yet, to the mind of the author—evidently a very earnest woman—it falls far short of fulfilling "The Duty of Government to Unfortunate Children." The article is interesting but only one of many such in the current number of the Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country, 149-153 Leonard Street, N. Y. Subscription \$2.00 a year.

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BUTTON INDUSTRY INJURED.

Business Created by McKinley Protection Bill Under the Wilson Bill. It will be remembered how vigorous was the opposition to the protective tariff upon buttons that was proposed and established under the McKinley tariff. This duty was 2 1/2 cents per line, button measure, and 25 per cent ad valorem. The protection thus afforded succeeded in building up the button manufacturing industry in the United States at several points and correspondingly prohibited the importation of foreign made buttons—buttons which, by the way, are mostly turned out by the convict labor of Europe, and which would not be admitted into the United States if the provisions of the tariff were strictly carried out.

The tariff reformers and free traders reduced the duty on pearl and shell buttons from the McKinley rate of 2 1/2 cents per line down to 1 cent per line, and from 25 per cent ad valorem down to 15 per cent ad valorem. The result of the reduction is shown as follows: IMPORTS OF BUTTONS AND BUTTON FORMS. Sept. 1 to March 1, 1894. 1894-5. 1895-6. 1896-7. 1897-8. 1898-9. 1899-0. 1900-1. 1901-2. 1902-3. 1903-4. 1904-5. 1905-6. 1906-7. 1907-8. 1908-9.

Under the McKinley tariff from Sept. 1, 1893, to March 1, 1894, a period of six months, our imports of buttons and button forms were worth \$160,609. During the corresponding six months a year later, under the Gorman tariff, our imports of buttons and button forms reached \$604,932, the increase for the half year in this one article of consumption amounting to \$444,000, or at the rate of \$888,000 a year.

The American button factories are being deprived of the manufacture and the sale of this amount of goods; the American wage earners are being prevented from earning wages that would have enabled them to help in making this amount of goods; the convicts in Europe have been correspondingly more busy; the prisons in Europe have been made correspondingly more self supporting; and the foreign dealers have been enabled to increase their profits correspondingly.

American people on the 25 per cent rate of duty contributed \$40,000 to the revenue under the McKinley importations, but they have been forced to pay \$90,000 on the 15 per cent rate for half a year only, an increase at the rate of \$100,000 a year, showing that "the tariff is a tax" when fooled with by free traders.

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PERSONAL.

Charles H. Jackson went to St. Louis last week. Will Mitchell went down to Schuyler Thursday. Mrs. Gus G. Becker returned last week from California. Mrs. George Spear of Norfolk visited the Lehman family last week. Miss Dorothy Jordan of Central City is visiting C. J. Garlow's family. Prof. and Mrs. Britzell spent the holidays in Lincoln and St. Edward. Miss Phoebe of Lincoln was the guest of Miss Phoebe Gerrard last week. John Eusden visited his daughter, Mrs. Ed. Hoare, near Platte Center last week. Miss Jennie McCann of Nebraska City spent the holidays with her mother and family. Miss Lizzie Warren of Lincoln was the guest of the Hurd family, returning home Saturday. Albert von Bergen of Humphrey visited his brothers a few days returning home Thursday. Mr. C. McAfee of Colorado Springs was a guest of the family of W. W. Rice, returning home Thursday. Mrs. O'Neil of the town of that name returned home Monday, after a visit to her niece, Mrs. Steve Ryan. Will Lehman and Miss Ethel Galley returned to Lincoln Monday, where they attend the State University. Mrs. H. T. Sperry, accompanied a friend to Grand Island Monday, and visited Mrs. Merrill while there. Miss Helen Taylor returned Friday from Waxahachie, Texas, where she visited three months with a sister. Miss Lydia Bloedorn of Platte Center visited Mrs. Prof. Williams Friday on her way to Peru, where she will attend the State Normal. Mrs. G. W. Cloyer returned to the Sisseton agency Monday after spending the holidays with relatives here. Her children, Miss Enor and George went back to Colloid. Will Coolidge and wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Smith of Plattsmouth, were here several days last week visiting friends. Will has accepted the position of deputy county clerk of Cass county.

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David City News: Last Sunday night while services were in progress at the Catholic church, some one who was not admitted short on bed clothing, robes, etc., made a sneak on the wagons and buggies present, and took up a select collection of blankets and other things of like character, and judging by the number taken there is no danger of the guilty one or ones freezing during the winter for want of bed clothing. It was a nasty, mean trick, and if the guilty ones could be caught, they should receive punishment accordingly. Fremont Herald: Sullivan & Co.'s new elevator on the Godfrey farm, east of the city, was completed and opened for business last week. The first forenoon's receipts were sixty loads of corn, and the total for the day was nearly seven thousand bushels, the price being 17 cents. They expect to feed about 70,000 bushels of corn this winter. They are fattening for the spring market about 15,000 head of sheep, and they have besides these, in stock sheep still on the western range, about 120,000 head, from which they will select their next year's feeders.

Stanton Pickett: It is claimed that the F. E. & M. V. company has bought forty acres of land one-half mile east of Dodge and will move their depot to it in order to avenge itself against the citizens who have brought suit against the company for losses sustained in the recent fire. If such is the case it will be necessary for the citizens to pull together and for farmers to stand by them, and the present Dodge will be able to stand against a new site, and permit business men to hold their trade against denizens of the new site, just as Norfolk has done for twenty years.

Schuyler Quill: The citizens of Lincoln, Butler county, have forwarded a voluminous complaint to the board of transportation against the Elkhorn Railroad company. The basis of the complaint is that the town of Linwood is being discriminated against in the matter of hay freights. It charges, in fact, that the towns of Schuyler, Rogers, Wisner, and North Bend are given a 5 cent rate on hay, while the citizens of Linwood are charged a rate of 5 1/2 cents. The date for the hearing has not yet been set by the board. On Friday of last week while B. F. Freeman was along the Platte river setting traps he met with a severe accident. He had an old Colt revolver in his coat pocket and when he stooped down to set a trap the revolver fell out, striking on the ice in such a way as to discharge the gun. The load tore one thumb off and entered his leg. The revolver was a large Colt pattern and instead of being loaded with ball he had shot in for rabbits, hence it was not so bad. The thumb is gone and that hand is carried in a sling, while he has a sore leg, even after the shot are picked out.

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Stanton Pickett: It is claimed that the F. E. & M. V. company has bought forty acres of land one-half mile east of Dodge and will move their depot to it in order to avenge itself against the citizens who have brought suit against the company for losses sustained in the recent fire. If such is the case it will be necessary for the citizens to pull together and for farmers to stand by them, and the present Dodge will be able to stand against a new site, and permit business men to hold their trade against denizens of the new site, just as Norfolk has done for twenty years.

Schuyler Quill: The citizens of Lincoln, Butler county, have forwarded a voluminous complaint to the board of transportation against the Elkhorn Railroad company. The basis of the complaint is that the town of Linwood is being discriminated against in the matter of hay freights. It charges, in fact, that the towns of Schuyler, Rogers, Wisner, and North Bend are given a 5 cent rate on hay, while the citizens of Linwood are charged a rate of 5 1/2 cents. The date for the hearing has not yet been set by the board. On Friday of last week while B. F. Freeman was along the Platte river setting traps he met with a severe accident. He had an old Colt revolver in his coat pocket and when he stooped down to set a trap the revolver fell out, striking on the ice in such a way as to discharge the gun. The load tore one thumb off and entered his leg. The revolver was a large Colt pattern and instead of being loaded with ball he had shot in for rabbits, hence it was not so bad. The thumb is gone and that hand is carried in a sling, while he has a sore leg, even after the shot are picked out.

Chicago and the East. Passengers going east for business, will naturally gravitate to Chicago as the great commercial center. Passengers re-visiting friends or relatives in the eastern states always desire to "take in" Chicago on route. All classes of passengers will find that the "Short Line" of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, via Omaha and Council Bluffs, affords excellent facilities to reach their destinations in a manner that will be sure to give the utmost satisfaction. A reference to the time tables will indicate the route to be chosen, and by asking any principal agent west of the Missouri river for a ticket over the Chicago, Council Bluffs & Omaha Short Line, or the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, you will be cheerfully furnished with the proper passport via Omaha and Chicago. Please note that the eastern states always desire to "take in" Chicago in ample time to connect with the express trains of all the great through car lines to the principal eastern cities. For particulars, call on the time tables, maps, etc., please call on or address F. A. Nash, General Agent, Omaha, Neb.

The Paradise of the Pacific. Three grand tours to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, "The Paradise of the Pacific," via Union Pacific, Omaha and Oceanic Steam Ship Co. Leaving Omaha the morning of Jan. 16th, Feb. 11th, and March 6th. Only nine days from Omaha to Honolulu. \$295.00 for the round trip, including steamer and meals on steamer. Tickets good for nine months, with stop-over privileges. For information and tickets apply to J. R. Mesinger.

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