CAN A MAN EARN A MILLION?

An Interesting Discussion of a Great Social Problem.

If Adam Had Delved Until This Time He Wouldn't Take Rank With the Plutocrats of the United States.

How Millions Are Made. W. D. Redington of Sidney N. Y., discusses the question "Can a man earn a million?" in the following letter addressed to the Editor of the Journal of

United Labor: History shows that men have started poor in free America, the home of the oppressed, and at the age of 40 years been able to enumerate their wealth not only by the million, but by many times a million. These men have, no doubt le-

gaily accumulated their enormous wealth so far as legality is conferred by the laws of our country, but not The Louisana lottery scheme has been

declared illegal by the laws of most of the other States; yet, by a careful study of the workings of this scheme, we only find the true methods by which men are suddenly thrust into possession of fabulous riches, viz,: speculation. If ten boys, with ten marbles each, go out to play that most innocent of boyhood's games, and one boy, by either his skill or good fortune, secures the 10 marbles from each of the other nine, he has 100 marbles, and the others have none. Are not the nine robbed that the one may have their possessions? In the same manner as the wealth of one increases that of a proportionate number decreases. No matter in what manner it is gained, whether by speculation ni bonds, mortgages, lands or stocks; wether by interest, gambling, bets or lotteries, it is the same. The condition is not changed, the method is altered. Should a million dollars be inherited, it does not obliterate the fact that a million dollars cannot be honestly made in one generation, nor ten, even though each generation extend over a period of

Could Adam have lived until the present day, and earned two dollars per day for every day in the year, never spending a cent for anything, his total earnings would not have amounted to as much as the wealth of Warner Miller, New York's Republican candidate for Governor last fall, whose wealth is estimated at \$5,000,000, and whose age does not much exceed half a century. And yet, according to the laws of the State of New York, and the United States, Warner Miller has legally acquired his wealth, and, as the world goes, is an honest man.

Fifty years ago there were but few millionaires in this country. To-day they are so common that in a enumeration of the wealthy men of our land only the names of those worth from five to one hundred and ten millions were considered worthy of mention.

How many long years of hard unceas-

ing toil, even at good wages; how many deprivations, how many heartaches to obtain honestly the possession of a mill-ion dollars, lew can realize, and no toiler will ever know, for time is too short for him ever to reach the goal. Most workingmen and women have no time to give the matter a thought, and consequently do not comprehend the enormity of a million in round numbers.
To illustrate: Could a man have been born in the year one, and at the present time have reached the good old age of 1889 years, and have been able to have 1889 years, and have been able to have labored untringly and unceasingly during the long period of his existence, not stopping on Sunday, Christmas, New Year's, Washington's Birthday, St. Patrick's, Decoration. Fourth of July, Labor or even circus days, toiling on, and on, like a mere machine, furnishing his own lubrication, 365 days in a year, for 1889 years, receiving as a compensation for his labor the most liberal sum of \$2 per day, or \$730 per liberal sum of \$2 per day, or \$730 per year, and provided he had remained a bachelor all his life, never paying out a cent for strawberries or ice cream for his girl, or a cent for the support of himself or family; suppose so great had been his economy, that his only cloth-ing had been the fig leaf of the Garden of Eden, his only shelter the blue vault of heaven, his only bed the green verdure of mother earth; suppose he had never spent a cent for marbles, jack-knives or gingerbread in his boyhood; for railroad stocks, church pews or lager beer in his manhood; or for fast horses, steam yachts or Pullman palace cars in steam yachts of Pullman palace cars in his old age; supposing he had to his credit every cent he had ever earned, without interest, he would then have the stupendous sum of \$1,378,970, which in these, times would hardly furnish him a seat in the New York Stock Ex-

change.

If it has been clearly shown that a man living 1889 years, with all the advantages enumerated, can acquire but \$1,378,970, is it to be wondered at that the average man, whose alloted life-time is but seventy years, cannot honestly become a millionaire? Suppose the man of our own time be-

gins work at the age of 14 years as a wage-earner at \$1 per day receiving no pay for Sunday work, he would receive \$313 per year. Supposing at the age of 20 years he was enabled as a railway locative our insert the age of 20 years he was enabled as a railway locative our insert to earn \$3.50 per day. comotive engineer to earn \$3.50 per day, every day, for the balance of his 70 years' lifetime, he would have earned at years' lifetime, he would have earned at the time of his promotion \$318 per year for six years, which would aggregate a sum of \$1,878; during the next 50 years he would earn \$63,875, which, added to the \$1,878 previously earned, would at the age of 70 years place him in possession of \$65,753. This sum would purchase a seat in Congress, or enable him to make a trip around the world if he was economical. He would in country places. economical. He would in country places, economical. He would in country places, be considered well-to-do; but not rich, as the world now goes. This sum is all a man can honestly earn in a lifetime nuder the most favorable conditions, and still he has not acquired the tenth part of a single million. But here is another realistic problem to solve, which cannot be overlooked and which still further reduces his chances of becoming worth a duces his chances of becoming worth a million. At the moment he begins to earn his own living he becomes dependent upon his own resources. We have seen that his yearly earnings for the first six years are \$313 per year; out of this he must pay:

Total \$203 00

Leaving balance 111 00

This for six years would net \$666. By he time he is 20 years of age he sees a chance of promotion to the rank of locomotive lengineer at highest possible wages, and at the same time assumes the duties of a man of a family. In the due course of time he has a wife and three children dependent upon him for support. At \$35.0 his annual income,

should he work every one of the 365 days, would amount to \$1,277.50. At the least calculation he must expend

Rent..... 73

 Fuel
 60 00

 Provisions
 240 00

 Clothing
 110 00

 Incidentals
 50 00
 This would leave him a balance at the

end of each year of \$742.50, which multi-plied by 50 would produce \$37.145, to which may be added the \$678 previously earned, and he would then, at the age of 70 years, have a surplus of \$37.823 to maintain himself and family the remaining days of their natural lives, providing there had been no sickness and no other expenses than those enumerated, which would be impossible, and that he had received no interest on his money honestly earned and economically ex-pended. If he had saved and laid by at compound interest \$500 per year for 50 years he would then only be worth \$145,000, and only a few thousand more than one-tenth part of \$1,000,000.

This statement, compared to that of a man with a much larger family and much smaller income, is sufficient to dispel any hopes the latter might cherish of ever honestly becoming a man of

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May Cost Him \$2,500. Frederick Schultz sues August Michel to recover on damages sustained in a novel way, says a St. Paul dispatch to the New York World: Michel is proprietor of a St. Paul hostelry, at which Schultz put up on the night of July 8 last. Michel and Schultz were old-time friends, The mutual good-will had never been disrupted in any way. After the usual good-night Schuitz went into the room assigned him, crawled into bed was soon aleep. Downstairs, where Michel was distributing liquids to his customers at the bar, all was hitarity. Michel, taking advantage of the frame of mind his customers were in, left the bar in charge of an attendant, and, securing pots of red and black paint from his woodshed, proceeded upstairs to the room occupied by Schultz, who

was fast asieep.

Removing the quilts from his sleeping guest. Michel painted his friend's body from head to foot with spots, black and read alternately, in the most approved Sioux Indian style. Schultz was smeared with paint and was unable

to defend himself.

Michel's work did not stop here. He wanted a suitable wind-up; so, opening the door wide, invited the public to come in and gaze at his hand work. Quite a crowd assembled in the frescoed man's room, and had more fun over the matter than anybody. They laughed at and guyed Mr. Schultz in a fiendish manner, as he said. Finally they let him enjoy his appearance alone. Then he went to work to remove the obnoxious substance from his body, which was not the work of a few minutes. By reason of all the circumstances Schultz claims that he has been damaged to the extent of \$2,500. He wants that amount and he wants it bad.

Beecham's Pills act like magic on a weak

Our readers often see in the market reports quotations of singeing pigs and may have noticed that they always sell higher than other grades, say the Iowa Homestead, "Singers" form about 1 per cent of the receipts in Chicago and are long, fine-boned pigs, not very fat, but of choice quality and well bred, weighing from 130 to 200 pounds. They are used to make choice cuts, such as Staffordshires, Birminghams and Wilkeshires, for the foreign trade. The hair instead of being scalded off, is "singed by a machine made especially for the purpose, which makes the meat firmer. These pigs come from Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, and always command a premium over other grades. The de-mand for this grade of meat is another evidence of the protest of the human stomach against too much grease.

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Handling Glandered Horses.

Farmers do not realize the extreme danger there is in handling a horse attacked with glanders, says the Montana Live Stock Journal. It should never be done without close fitting gloves on the and goggles or other glasses on the eyes. The reason is that the discharge from the nostrils of a glandered horse contain a specific poison which, should it fall on any cut in the human flesh, or a sore, or a tender and delicate surface of the inner eyelids, is very likely to reproduce the disease.

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