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# How to Keep Well

Questions concerning hygiens, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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WHAT TO FEED CHILDREN. | the cause of this acid, and what the cure? Aside from this I enjoy per-fect health. I am 65 years old. Am While it is important to recognize that a child is suffering from malnot constipated, and am careful nutrition, it is more important to what I cat.'

ing paragraph.

REPLY.

chronic appendicitis, gall stones,

inflammation of the gall bladder,

ulcer of the stomach and duodenum.

Take More Exercise,

good health, never sick, no

REPLY.

know what to do about it But you cannot know what to do about it un-Everything you eat should sour. til you know the cause. Dr. Talla-ferro Clark gives, the following as The stomach cannot digest the food until it first sours it. The belching among the more important causes: 1. The child does not get up of sour food and a feeling of enough food. 2. He does not get the right burning in the stomach are symptoms of a number of conditions. Among these are constipation,

kind of food. By eating candy and other highly seasoned foods between meals he loses his appetite for substantial foods. 3. He eats irregularly. He eats between meal hours.

4. He bolts his food. 5. He drinks coffee and tea, instead of milk and water.

6. He does not get enough sleep. A child 10 years old should be in bed at 8. The bed-room should be well ventilated. He is constipated. 8. He gets too much emotion-

al excitement. 9. He plays too hard, too many hours, too intensely. Or goes to shows after supper 10. He is overworked, in

school or out. 11. His teeth are bad or his tonsils are diseased. 12. He may have malaria or ookworm or other disease.

No child labors under the entire dozen handicaps enumerated. As to food for growing children, ie suggests the following:

Two to 4 years old:

ing I have taken or done has af-forded any relief. This is only my third month and as I always have his acute nausea during the entire

ing children need considerably more food for each 10 pounds of weight than adults do. They need consid-erably more proteid food per pound. both because they play as hard as a ditcher digs and because they grow, and growing is hard work. It is well to bear in mind the seasonal variation in growth. Chil-

statement.



Plan to Revive Business. Omaha, June 6 .- To the Editor f The Bee: In order to bring pros-

erity and hapiness to every person in this United States, I believe the following plan is the only one that will do it and do it quick. At first glance it may appear ridiculous but think a little further. Let the government have a hun-

or more places where men could go and always find work at a minimum wage, say \$2.50 per day. If the government started this, the irst day would probably cost \$2,000,-000, but every day after that it would grow less and less and less, until after a very short time it would be very little. Why? Because when that first day ended the men would have \$2,000,000 to spend for food. ex-chorus girl. .

2. Suppose you change your food somewhat. Eat less, Eat only when clothing, shelter, etc. Business would begin to pick up, and after a you are hungry. Chew your food better and take more exercise. If few days employers would want help. Where would they get it? They this does not cure you have a phy-sician investigate the condition of would hire some of these men at the organs referred to in the precedbetter wages, who would then have more money to spend, which would stimulate business some more and so the thing would go on and on and

C. H. G., writes: "I would like very shortly everybody would be to know what causes a chronic coat happy again. on the tongue. It is grayish in color This can be elaborated on to a and now and then I seem to detect a trace of brownish yellow. I have great extent but I have purposely condensed it. Some things can be had a tongue like this as far back as said against it. One of them would can remember. I am in apparent be: There will be graft in it. Well, what of it? We have got used to that and 100,000,000 people could afford to be grafted out of \$1 or so headches, eat well, and sleep well. I

if they were prosperous and happy. It probably wouldn't amount to more than the cost of one battle ship in a year, anyway. Herbert Quick and H. G. Wells write some fine articles on "Salvag-

ing the World," etc., but their plans are too slow. What we want is omething right now. They say a nation grows rich by ts people producing things, so guess we are not making much progress just now. If some one has

a better plan, for God's sake, why don't they produce it? F. D. HADLEY. What a Dull Day It Would Be!

Somebody ought to proclaim an obey-the-law day. Possibly it might get some people into the habit .- Albany Journal.



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### Stillman Hearings Will **Reopen on Next Wednesday**

New Rochelle, N. Y., June 7.-Supreme Court Justice Keogh today limited until June 14, the stay which he granted yesterday in the Stillman divorce case. Opposing counsel then agreed to resume hearings before Referee Gleason June 15, at

**Poughkeepsie** Justice Keogh gave counsel for Mrs. Anne U. Stillman permission to file an amended answer to her banker husband's complaint charg-ing her with infidelity. Detense counsel had announced yesterday that if this permission were received, a woman known only as Clara, would be named as an additional co-respondent. In her original answer Mrs. Stillman named only Mrs. Florence A. Leeds, au

### Probably Misquoted.

An Anthony High school senior is said to have remarked in his com-mencement oration that "It is im possible to know it all." But the Mulvane News believes that the young man was misquoted.-Kansas City Star.

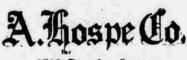


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jority vote depends the law and the progress of the nation. Mr. Harding has before him a duty more grave than many realize.

### Health and Garbage Disposal.

Once more Omaha is confronted with the problem of garbage collection and disposal. As so often happens when the business is left in private hands, the city has taken a chance of the fulfillment and continuance of its scavenger contract and lost. Arrangements of this sort with men who haul the kitchen refuse to farms for feeding hogs are tentative at best. Frequently, as in this case, where the city pledged payment of \$45,000 a year to the collector, lack of profit, disease among the hogs or other causes have left him with a loss and the city without any organized system of disposal.

Commissioner Zimman declares that the garbage question will continue to be troublesome until the city votes bonds for an incineration. plant. A proposal for a vote on issuing \$300,000 bonds for this purpose has been initiated and is deserving of support when it comes up in the election this fall.

Health is the primary consideration in this matter, and burning is the only satisfactory way of dealing with it. The process of incineration has been in use for 35 years, and now several hundred American cities are using this method, among them being 19 of the 66 cities of more than 100,000 population. Tin cans and other refuse are handled along with the rest. Although this cleanses and destroys without odor, it represents a complete loss of the chemical matter found in kitchen leavings.

A more modern and economical plan than mere incineration is reduction. By this process, which is considered best adapted to cities of more than 100,000 population, the inherent values are extracted from this refuse and it is reduced from obnoxious matter to a refined and wholesome product, part of it vegetable oil and part fertilizer. Twenty-nine cities with reduction plants now produce 36,000 tons of grease and 150,000 tons of fertilizer per annum, valued at \$11,000,000. This amount of grease is sufficient to make 200,000,000 cakes of soap, and a large portion is used for such purpose.

Cleveland, which has used the reduction process for ten years, sells 3,000,000 pounds of grease a year. Paper, rags and tin cans are salvaged, haled and sold, also. Los Angeles, New York City and New Bedford have the latest type of dehydrating machinery. From one ton of refuse the reduction plant at the latter city obtains: one-fifth ton of fertilizer, valued at \$15; gogic pretense that we are perpetually in danger 70 pounds of grease, \$4.90; and 30 pounds of bones, 45 cents, with a total value of \$8.35.

It is said that for a city of the size of Omaha this method should result in profit rather than expense. Thus, in Los Angeles, the city is paid difference of opinion as to the method to follow | 51 cents a ton for garbage delivered at the plant does not alter the fact that all are anxious to of a private reduction company in the heart of find the way. While it may seem that the senate the city. The cost of collection is about 35 cents a ton, which leaves a net profit to the municipality.

divergence of views that may exist between them This is the sort of scavenger service that serve only to illustrate the difficulties that lie in Omaha needs. The cost of installing a plant is heavy, but the expenses of operation are not Disarmament can not be achieved by any offlarge. It is possible that it might be financed hand process. Many steps preliminary must be on a capital of \$300,000, and the subject is one taken. Confidence between nations first must that demands attention, not only on the aspect come, with a composition of many conflicting in- of cost, but of sanitation and the utilization of terests, and the establishment of a mutual trust | waste as well.

## Sales Tax "Evidence" Fallacy of Some Arguments

Presented Against the Plan

(From the New York Times.) Opponents of the sales tax, like the railway brotherhoods, fancy that their arguments and even their "belicis" are evidence. Thus the senate committee listened to the statement by Proi Fairchild of his belief that the sales tax was designed "ultimately" to supplant the income tax. If true, that would be important ultimately, but not now. If it is untrue it is of no importance now or ultimately. Sales tax advocates have proposed that the sales tax shall make good the failure of the income surtaxes to be productive above 30 or 40 per cent. If Prof. Fairchild knows of any supporter of the sales tax who has the same belief as himself that the sales tax can, or should, or is designed, to supersede the income tax, he would do well to make the name or names public.

It is true that Senator La Follette argued that "we have reached the beginning of the end of the income tax when a sales tax becomes a part of the revenue system." But that is rather the testimony of a friend of the most obnoxious sort of income tax than of a friend of the sales tax, and the senator and professor must be set down as expressing only personal opinions. That appears from Senator Penrose's prompt reply that the income tax has come to stay.

The strength of the new tax proposal lies in the failure of the excess profits tax and the income surtaxes to realize the predictions of those who traduce the sales tax and adhere to the proved errors of their theories. At the same hearing they objected to the untaxing of the rich and claim that the sales tax burdens the poor unduly. The poor man spends all his income, they argued, and is taxed on all he spends. But the millionaire who spends a tenth of his income escapes on nine-tenths. Thus the sales tax was represented as an unjust income tax. But the millionaire who spends \$100,000 is taxed fifty-fold the tax of the man who earns and spends \$2,000. If the sales tax makes the millionaire pay taxes on \$100,000 of expenditures, it is almost a clear gain, for exemptions are so liberally provided as life preservers for the millionaires that they can decide for themselves what surtax they shall pay. Theoretically they may escape all payment by putting all their wealth into exempt bonds. There is excess of proof in the income tax returns that billions

The critics of the sales tax who condemn it for the difficulty of its administration should pay more attention to the faults of the present tax. The "invested capital" of 50,000 corporations has not been settled even so far back as 1917. For 1918 only 60 per cent of the returns have been examined, both personal and corporate. For 1919 only 10 to 15 per cent have been looked at, and for later years practically nothing has been done by way of revision of the self-taxing statements. The most important have been prepared by skilled counsel. The revisions are made by clerks who serve for \$2,000 or less, as preparation for resigning from government duty and earning more by reducing collections than by making them. It is said that there are \$1,000,000,000 of uncollected taxes, which fast are becoming uncollectible. Whatever the defects of the sales tax, it is no slight recommendation of it that it would be paid as sales were made and would reach the govern-ment even monthly, if the law were made so.

Postmaster General Hays has already instituted a number of timely innovations in the department over which he presides. The departnt and the general public have been su

escape the tax collector in that way. The sales tax would make such escape more difficult.

Humanizing Official Correspondence

Milk is the prime necessity. Also use fruits-baked apples, stewed prunes, apple sauce, stewed peaches, oranges, baked pears, stewed pears. All cereals. White vegetables-potato, rice. Green vegetables-string beans, asparagus, lettuce, stewed celery, carrots, spinach, greens, green peas, beets, chard. Breads-All kinds of bread, macaroni, spaghetti. Desserts-Junket, custard, tapioca cream, apple tapioca, prune whip, cooked fruit, simple felly,

sago, cornstarch pudding, rice pudding without raisins, bread pudding without raisins, ice cream. Protein foods-Eggs, boiled fish, chicken, mutton, steak, lamb, beef. Soups. Fats-Butter, oleomargarine, peanut butter, olive oil.

for children 4 to 12 years of age are milk, meat broths, bouillon, milk soups, all soups, eggs, meat from fowls, all ordinary meats, all ordinary breads and cereals, macaroni, spaghetti, potatoes, rice, oysters, cheese, peas and beans, asparagus, spinach, greens, squash, pumpkin, celery, tomatoes, beets, carrots,

tard. . selections to suit any taste. Grow-

get more exercise, drink more wa-ter, and eat more bran, vegetables and fruit. Need More Sugar. Mrs. S. writes: "Will you please tell me a remedy for nausea during pregnancy? I am suffering greatly from it, almost constantly, and noth-

Among the list of approved foods

lettuce, onions, parsnips, cocca, pud-dings, taploca, sago, blanc mange, ice cream, cooked fruit, raw ripe fruit, figs, apple sauce, grapefruit, bananas, berries, junket and cus-

The list is long enough to afford or into muscle. It can be taken by mouth.

treatments should not be given simultaneously, if your physician thinks it advisable dren grow rapidly in the spring. They grow but little in hot weather.

nine months I am almost desperate I wrote you some time ago con-cerning my babies, who always are afflicted with malnutrition from afflicted birth, and appreciated your answer."

It has been found that in pregnant comen the blood is deficient in sugar. It is held that this shortage is responsible for the nausea of pregnancy. Therefore, such women are advised to eat bread, crackers,

cereals and other starchy foods; to eat some such food dry while still in bed in the morning and to repeat about every four hours during the

day. Some women vary the diet by taking sweets. It is sometimes advisable to give solution of sugar by injection in order to supplement this feeding: Another approved treatment is the is best given by injection into a vein

Let the mothers of young babies remember the latter half of the above

brush my tongue with a tooth brush and tooth paste twice every day, and in this manner I can keep it fairly lean, not thoroughly clean. Any information that you can give me regarding this tongue will be greatly appreciated." REPLY. Alvarez says, and he knows better than any one else, that it means torpid bowels. Continue scraping, but

exists. Mankind was not purged of any considerable part of its infirmities and propensities through the operation of the war. Experience since the armistice was signed should be ample warning to any of the danger that yet persists. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," but the perversity of human nature has postponed many times the blessed hour when "the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and a little child shall lead them."

to replace the suspicions and jealousy that now

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Disarmament Plans Not Lagging.

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might accomplish their purpose easier were they

to go about the job in a more systematic man-

ner. Merely to urge the desirability of a world

without war will not set them far on towards the

goal they hope to reach, nor when they ad-

versely criticize those who do not wholly agree

with them do they aid the general movement.

Now, as at the end of every war, there is a great

spiritual revulsion against war. This time the

reaction is the more serious and widespread for

the reason that the war itself affected more of the

people of the earth than any in all history. Con-

siderable progress had already been made in the

direction of at least a limitation of armament

prior to 1914. One element blocked the way,

but it since has been effectually removed. Now

the question is coming on for international con-

States is in favor of a peaceful world. Our na-

tional genius is not warlike, despite the dema-

of a militaristic control. At the moment the

president of the United States is carnestly, de-

voutly seeking the way to peace. So, too, is the

congress of the United States. That there is a

and the house are working at cross-purposes, to

so charge them is both unfair and absurd. Any

The overwhelming sentiment of the United

sideration once more.

the approach to the topic.

Pleaders for immediate disarmament of the

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The president of the United States is pledged to the policy of disarmament; he only awaits authority from congress to issue a call for a conference on the point. Is it not fair to accord to him a sincerity that is inferentially denied by the clamors for precipitate action, and to await the outcome of a discussion that is not materially aided by hysteria?

### A Mad Act.

Worse than a mad dog is the bandit who fatally shot a woman on the street in Omaha Saturday night. There is not, of course, any system usually they refrain from such desperate and heartless acts. Savagery knows nothing more ruthless than this murder.

Out around the state the impression has been fostered that Omaha is a place where such deeds may be expected. This is no more true of Omaha than of any other well governed city. Mad dogs are found, now and then, even in the most peaceiul rural communities. Only last week the discovery of a body floating in the Niobrara river exposed a slaying committed in the country, fully as atrocious, according to report, as any Omaha has ever seen.

Cities are not particularly places of wickedness and crime. The killing of Mrs. C. M. Hyland is as much of a shock to residents of Omaha as it is to those of any part of the state. Surely the police will not fail to apprehend the guilty man.

Making a New Supreme Court. Whether Mr. Taft or Mr. Hughes, or some one not yet mentioned be named to the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice White, the episode of his death again calls attention to a fact that was given some prominence during the campaign last year. It is within the range of possibility that Mr. Harding will have opportunity to entirely change the composition of that august tribunal, as three others of the nine judges may be replaced by his appointees. Justices Holmes, McKenna and Day all are past the age and have served more than the requisite number of years to entitle them voluntarily to retire. Each of these is well beyond the allotted span of man's life, and Justice Holmes has reached four-score, so there is every likelihood of the president having to name a successor for each of them. Interest in the situation grows largely from the fact that both Holmes and McKenna belong to what is known as the "latitudinarian" schools as opposed to the "strict constructionist" group. They, with Justices Brandeis and Clarke are looked to to furnish the interesting dissenting opinions that characterize every important decision, particularly those involving issues between human rights and property rights. No hope is entertained that a court will ever be unanimous on these questions, and the certainty that rigorous dissent is forthcoming warrants faith in the body on whose ma- go!" That's the spirit that wins.

### Pluck of Pueblo Prophetic.

"The outstanding feature of the Pueblo flood disaster is the utter absence of discouraged grief," says an Associated Press dispatch from there. It is just what we expected to hear. Pueblo's people undoubtedly feel grief and sorrow deeply for the calamity which has overtaken so many of their number. Homes have been wrecked, families broken up, lives dear to many are mourned by relatives and friends, and immense property loss has fallen on the victims. But they do not mourn as those without hope. A calm courage, a willingness to pluck fortune from the grasp of disaster, marks the city. It will rise again, stronger and better than before, building for permanence, and go ahead to its destiny strong and vigorous for having overcome adversity. That is what makes American cities great; they overcome misfortune; fires, tornadoes, carthquakes, all forms of terrible visitation overtake and shatter them, but out of the wreckage the spirit of youth and strength, sustained by hope and faith, spring up to rebuild and reconof ethics generally observed by robbers, but struct and go ahead. The process has been repeated so many times that it may be accepted

> job calls for plucky acceptance of a situation and energetic effort to remedy it.

### Rail Rates and Unemployment.

as characteristic of our people. Discouraged

grief is about the last thing to look for when the

Shippers of lumber and road building material have been laying their demands for lower freight rates before railway officials in Washington. Everyone knows the effect of high transportation costs on the price of lumber and the process of building. A cut in this tariff would provide one more stimulus to the struggle against a housing shortage.

Similarly important is the request for lower rates on road building materials. It is reported that throughout the nation highway improvement is virtually at a standstill because of the heavy burden of rates on cement and other supplies.

Government reports show that more men were idle in May than in April, in spite of the natural tendency to open up new work with the coming of warm weather. With building and road construction hampered by excessive freight rates, it is proving difficult to resume business as usual. There has been enough shilly-shallying over railroad rates. It is time to end these conferences: make a reduction, perhaps of an experimental nature, and start traffic moving in its old volume.

## The Lincoln jury that found King guilty of

murder deserves commendation for its courage in resisting the specious pleading of a clever attorney. Such stamina is too rare in Nebraska juries these days.

They are not yet stealing paper off the wall although an Omahan is accused of making off with a lot of wallpaper that has not yet been pasted on.

If there was only enough rain to go around. Pueblo has deprived a goodly portion of the west of its share.

The second coming of summer is also welcome, because the corn needs sunshine.

Pueblo, its head above water, says, "Let's

approve. For, in his announced determination to "humanize" the postal service, the keen and able postmaster general strikes a chord to which the men and women of today are exceedingly responsive. Having first divined and subsequently established the existence of popular responsiveness to the idea he has had in mind, 'General" Hays presses forward boldly. "Get away from the cold form letters," is the gist of his latest order to his department.

Employes of the department have, in the case of innovations instituted to date, readily adapted themselves to the new order of things. The idea appeals, and, in all seriousness, there is no greater incentive to the efficient performance of any task than the assurance that that work is being done in an atmosphere of "human" sympathy and understanding. Yet one can not but speculate, as one considers the new order, upon the possibilities which an enthusiastic adoption of the new plan for "official correspondence" might open.

Official correspondence has, indeed, ever been a drab and routine matter. It has the habit of beginning, "Sir" or "Madam;" has proceeded to refer to "your letter of the steenth inst," and has dragged on through a series of colorless paragraphs to the signature of the writer, who professes, with ill-concealed shallowness, to be the addressee's "obedient scrvant" or to belong to him "respectfully" or "truly" or in some other unlikely manner. Henceforth such stereotyped absurdities are to be under the ban of the Postoffice department. The cold form letter is to go. The postmaster general gives various samples as to how the thing should be done. But they have not yet been made public, and one may, in the light of that oversight, be pardoned for the mental picture of a pile of official letters upon Mr. Hays' desk of a morning-the first beginning, "Will, dear, I had your nice long letter in which you suggested, etc.," and signed "with love and kisses" by the chief of this or that bureau. The imagination staggers as it seeks to draft the "human" reaction of the popular post-master general.-Washington Star.

### "Going Off Half-Cocked."

Mrs. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of the Woman's League for the Peace Treaty, has sent to President Harding a telegram protesting 'against the unauthorized statement of Ambas sador Harvey. 'that America would not directly or indirectly have anything to do with any as-sociation of nations." This is all right, except that Mr. Harvey never said anything of the sort charged up against him. All he did was to make it clear that the American government is through with the Wilson league, which is quite another matter. The good women who compose the league for the peace treaty ought to remember that it is sometimes better to be accurate than enthusiastic .- Detroit Free Press.

#### Some of Them Are.

Edward D. White was a democrat, but it was President Tait who advanced him to the mighty responsibility of chief justice of the supreme court. Franklin K. Lane was a democrat, but it was President Roosevelt who called him to Washington and started him in his great national career. The republican leaders are ready to recognize ability and patriotism wherever found.-Los Angeles Times.

#### Will It Be "St. Volstead?"

New York woman wants us to take snakes for pets, but really we haven't seen one since Volstead did the St. Patrick emulation act and ran them out of America.-Richmond Times-Dispatch.

us neither an easy mark nor, a tightwad, but if thou must make us one or the other, make us an easy mark .- Ohio State Journal.

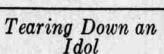
### Can Anybody Explain This?

When a man is tickled to death with one edi torial and strongly disapproves another in the same paper he writes the editor about the latter. -Ohio State Iournal

It's Frequent Symptom. Mrs. M. T. E. writes: "In your talks on tuberculosis I never no-ticed any mention of pain in the chest. Does tuberculosis ever cause pain in the chest, and should this symptom lead one to suspect the disease when the general health is poor?' REPLY.

Pain in the chest is a frequent symptom of tuberculosis. It is one of the symptoms which suggest tuberculosis. However, most people who have chest pains are not suffering from tuberculosis.

Try Change of Dict. J. D. G. writes: "For a number of years I have been troubled with sour stomach; everything I eat sours and causes much distress unless I take dyspepsia tablets. I drink one cup of tea at each meal, have tried warm water, but cannot see that it makes any difference. What is



(From the New York Times.) Some years ago an initiative and referendum amendement was added to the Missouri constitution. The good bubbled with happy expectation. The short cut to perfection had been found. The grand secret of good government was revealed. Henceforth Missouri was to be the model of a new-model commonwealths. Our indomitable progres-sive friend, the Kansas City Star, was among the most passionate worshippers. Now, alas! it is ready to burn the god adored. been convinced by the experience of the last few years" that the disad-vantages of the amendment "greatly outweigh its possible good to the state." Curious is the explanation of the backsliding. When the amendment was adopted the legis-lature "had been notoriously under

the control of big interests There was always a fight to keep the legislature "from granting away the rights of the people." It was sup-posed that the power to submit laws to the people would protect their rights. Since then, under the influence of

the progressive movement, legisla-tures "have become more responsive to the popular will, and progressive legislative programs have been the outcome."\* That is, a progressive outcome."" That is, a progressive program is always the popular will. Strangely enough, the popular will has failed to confirm the progressive measures. The black-hearted inter-ests "have turned to the initiative and referendum"—that is, to the people — "as the best weapon for at-taining their ends." Thus, what was to be the majestic expression of the people's will expresses the will of miserable lawyers and loathsome corporations. Unbelievers in the sacred "reform" will surely not be brutal enough to intimate that the distress of its former friends in Missourl arises from their confusion of what they want with what the peo-

ple want. No doubt it is true, as our contemporary says, that "the laws at-tacked are often of a technical character, in which it is difficult to arouse general interest and which can be defeated by an interested minority:" but it is everywhere true that it is difficult to arouse the general interest in referendums, be the measures referred good, bad or indifferent. Moreover, when laws pullulate so multitudinously in every legislature, and thousands of private societies make a business of manufacturing unnecessary statutes, what excuse is there for the initiative? Irrespective of how it works in par-ticular cases of states, it is a false

principle. This is or was a repre-sentative government. Suppose we

stick to it.



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