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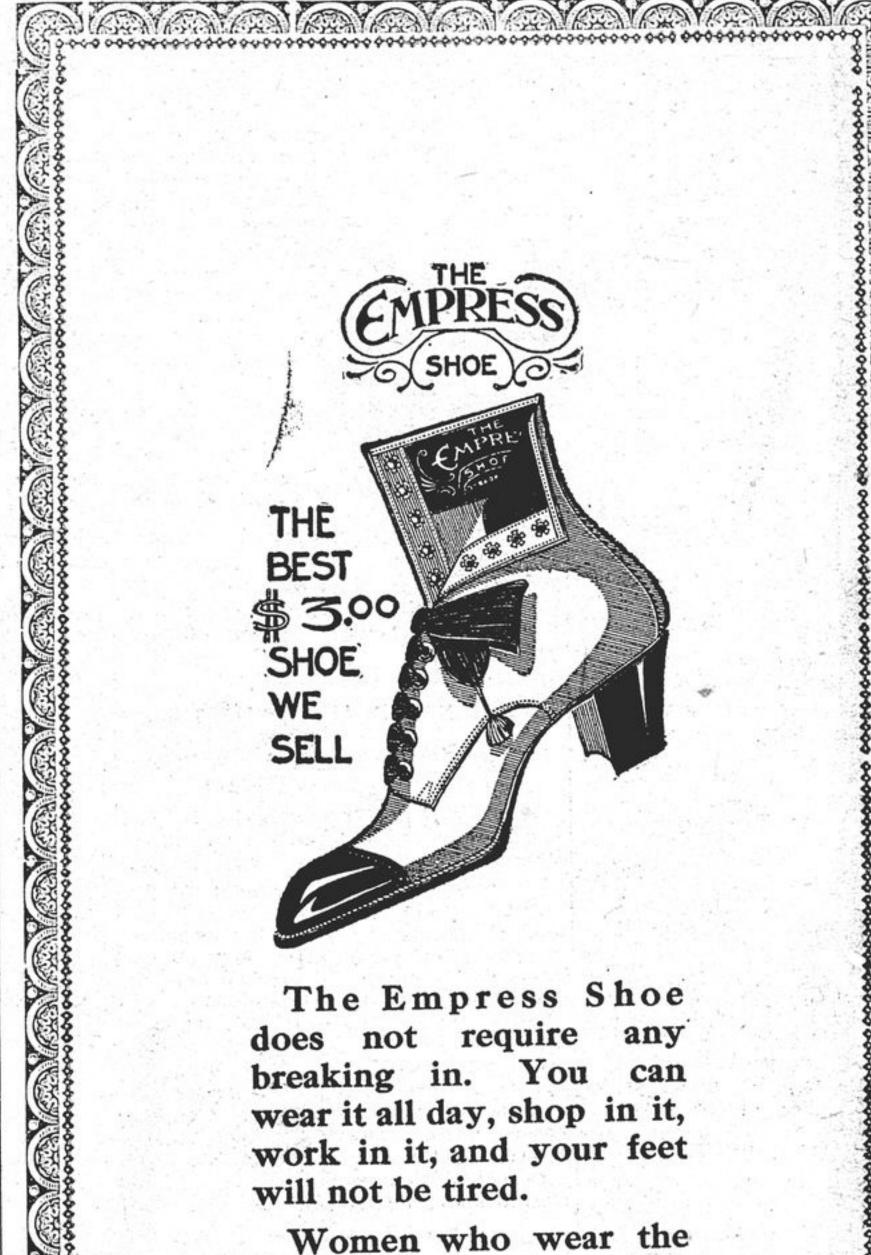
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A Pleasing Prospect.

Human society to-day in all civilized states is armed with powers of with empty bellies and heads with nowealth production such as were never thing in them worth mentioning, will dreamed of a century ago. To pro- have national anthems played upon duce sufficient of the material things their caputs with policemen's clubs. of life to provide for the comfortable All around, it is a pleasing aspect .existence of man to-day, is a matter Vancouver, B. C., Western Clarion. of the expenditure of such an insignificant amount of labor as to be scarce worth mentioning. If the powers of production were to be used to their limit, such a volume of wealth would result that the markets of the world would be deluged with it, and human society actually smothered in its own products. And yet, in the face of all this, industry is paralysed, factories are closed or running with reduced force, and millions of men are without employment and know not which way to turn for relief from their miseries. Poverty and distress are upon every by no means unknown in the congested districts where these conditions are most acute.

There is no use in blinding our eyes to the fact that these things are going What can a capitalist congress do in from bad to worse. From every quarter comes indisputable evidence that, therefore adjourn? Oh, no; there are bad as conditions have been for the past six months, they are becoming hot air to be delivered; and, in the intensified each day. The future is dark with forebodings of such a cataclysm of disaster that capitalist civilization will crumble to ruins. Even now it is rocking upon its foundation, diet does not train their stomachs to like a doomed building in the face of a gale that it cannot withstand. Even if capitalist production does weather the present storm, it is safe to assert that no living man will ever see it again restored to that condition of activity and virility experienced during the past ten years. The production has become too great to admit of the product being disposed of even in the world's market. Proof of this is found in the present world-wide industrial depression and stagnation. If the pronot be an idle man in Christendom. than assert themselves in defence of be adorned with a seraphic smile in other than hirelings. The capitalist would appear like the piously sombre anything else would be too good.

0000000000000 frown of a church deacon.

Everything must grow or die. Capitalism is no exception to the rule, Capitalist production cannot continue unless capital can expand. Its purpose is the augmentation of capital. This implies that additional markets —tuat is, additional markets into which it may expand—are always available. When such fields are no longer available the jig is up. Death must inevitably follow. This, however, does not imply that its death need be sudden, like that of a packing-house slave dropped into a vat of boiling lard. It will begin to decay. It will smell bad in spots. It will become irritable and savage, just like an old dog who, becoming blind with age, snaps and snarls at every one who points a finger at him. It does not require much of a prophet to see that capitalist production is nearing its end. It can no longer be carried on, except by fits and starts. Just now it is afflicted with the rickets. A little later on it will be chronic St. Vitus's Dance. Still later, the obsequies. Glory be!

In the meantime, the proletariat must suffer untold miseries and hardships. Everything is out of joint, and, where peace and decency should dwell, there will be turmoil and strife, riot aad bloodshed. Bloated affluence will automobile the boulevards, while gaunt poverty skulks in the alleys. A few million more wage-slaves of various ages and both sexes will be ground into profit. A few million more women will be driven to lives of shame. Here and there a bunch of discarded slaves

The Same Everywhere.

In a stirring speech in congress recently General Sherwood, of Ohio, said: "My people are in great distress. Our merchants are complaining of falling trade; our manufacturers are curtailing their output. Five thousand worthy workers in Toledo, Ohio, are out of employment and eating the bitter bread of charity. The same deplorable condition exists all over this unhappy country. Labor is in despair and desperate from hunger in all our hand, and actual starvation is a thing larger cities." More than a month has passed since this impassioned and earnest appeal to congress was made. What has congress done about it? Nothing. What will it do? Nothing. such a crisis? Nothing. Will congress salaries to be drawn and a quantity of meantime, the unemployed millions and starving thousands may feed upon the recollection of how they voted in 1904 and 1906; and, if this drastic serve them more intelligently at the ballot box this year than their brains have served them heretofore, there will have to be a radical revision of the law of economic determinism .---Appeal to Reason.

> Says the Socialist agitator to the wage-slave: "I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart that shall never be put out."

Some people are so constituted that duct could be disposed of, there would they would rather be a rich man's dog Every factory would be running night their rights. Such were born to be and day. Every capitalist's face would slaves, and have no ambition to be comparison to which a clown's grin system is good enough for them, and

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