

HEAR BEN. F. WILSON

IN
Dickson's Hall
ON
Monday Evening
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At 8 o'clock. Subject:

"The Meaning and
Significance of
The Socialist
Movement."

Read Sketch of Mr. Wilson
in Another Column.

Awaiting Her Chance.
Maud—I do wish Tom would hurry up and propose.
Ethel—But I thought you didn't like him.
Maud—I don't. I want to get rid of him.—Boston Transcript.

In and Out.
Wigg—There seems to be quite a difference between a job and a situation.
Wagg—Oh, yes. For instance, when a fellow loses his job he often finds himself in an embarrassing situation.—Philadelphia Record.

A Mean Retort.
"There goes a man I could have married," she said softly.
"Yes," he chuckled, "and I notice that he keeps on going as though he were afraid you might try it again."—Detroit Free Press.

Way It Goes.
"Could you give a starving woman work?"
"Yes; I need a girl to scrub."
"Too bad; this girl's a parlor maid."
—Washington Herald.

Wedding Ring Mottoes.
When posies or mottoes inscribed inside wedding rings were first introduced does not seem to be known, but from the sixteenth century until the middle of the eighteenth it was customary to have them engraved on rings. These mottoes seldom consisted of more than two lines of a verse, often of only one, but there are a few instances known where three lines were used. Some of these posies are very quaint and curious, and a few reach a high standard of poetic beauty. The South Kensington museum has a good collection of posy rings, and among them are the following inscriptions: "United hearts death only parts;" "Let us share in joy and care;" "Love and live happily."—London Standard.

The Cause.
"Did you hear the awful shriek that engine gave as it flew by?" asked the first man as they approached a railroad crossing.
"Yes; What caused it?" rejoined his companion.
"I presume the engineer had it by the throttle."—Smart Set.

GIGANTIC TREE STUMPS.

Big Enough to Be Hollowed Out and Used For Houses.

The fine firs of the Pacific northwest are so colossal that after the trees are hewed down the stumps are used for children's playgrounds, houses for families to live in or for dancing platforms.

To make a stump house the material from the interior is removed, leaving only enough to form walls of suitable thickness. A roof of boards or shingles is put over the top of the stump, holes are cut for windows and doors, and a family of five can and often does make it their dwelling. The stump houses are sometimes used by settlers until they can build larger and more convenient homes.

After the stump home has been vacated it is turned into a stable for the horses or sometimes into an inclosure for chickens or hogs.

Next to the big tree of California the fir or sequoia of Washington and Oregon has the largest diameter. As they decay rapidly, the hollowing out is easy. Sometimes they are used for dance platforms, some of them accommodating as many as four couples.

Another custom is to turn the big stumps into playgrounds for the children. The children reach the top by pieces of wood nailed against the sides or by ladders. A beautiful use of the large stumps is making them into flower beds and covering them with trailing vines.—Chicago Tribune.

THE WAISTCOAT.

It Became Popular by the Patronage of Charles II.

Few men realize how much they are being influenced in their dress by King Charles II., and yet it is to that monarch we owe the adoption of the waistcoat as a regular article of gentleman's dress, says London M. A. P. At least that is so if we are to accept the statement of Pepys, who in his diary under date of Oct. 16, 1664, states: "The king has declared his resolution to set a fashion which he would never alter," and "This day, King Charles II. began to put on his vest. It is a very fine and handsome garment."

Prior to this date they were exceptional garments, and there is even some doubt whether they were originally worn by ladies or gentlemen, though there is good reason to believe they superseded the doublet, such as was worn by Raleigh, Essex and other notables of the Elizabethan age.

A neat waistcoat "wrought in silk and gold" is mentioned in "Patient Grissell," 1602, and there is a painting in distemper of a vest on the walls of Winchester cathedral, dated 1483, so that what Charles II. took was merely an existing garment, which he remodeled, and by his patronage so popularized it that it became a standard article of gentleman's dress.

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