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## THE MECHANICAL MILLENIUM

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, as a worker of wonders in natural science, who has done more than any other living man to increase the comforts and conveniences of life, may be accepted as a praphet in his own peculiar line, says the Montreal Witness. In an article contributed to the New York Independent, he predicts :- "In "two hundred years, by the cheapen-"ing of commodities, the ordinary " laborer will live as well as a man "does now with \$200,000 annual in-" come. Automatic machinery and "scientific agriculture will bring ab-" out this result. The prophecy is not so tremendous as the figures seem as, taking one consideration with another, the man who is living in the ordinary comfort of to-day is every whit as well off as the millionnaire who cannot add to his real comforts or to his refinement by the preposterous attempt to spend an income of two hundred thousand dollars on himself. The forecast is based facts known to us all. If we look backward for two hundred years or so instead of forward we realize that the working man of to-day enjoys comforts, conveniences and cleanliness of condition unknown to kings and queens of two hundred years ago. Baillie Nicol Jarvie, of Glasgow, supping his simple porridge; and cream in the days of Rob Roy could truthfully say: "The king, honest man, hasna sae gude a dish." But what strides in comfort have been made since , the days | when the pawky baillie walked the streets with his maid of all-work carrying a lantern before him to keep him to keep him out of the mire.

Mr. Edison, with the glad optimism of one who has played successfully with the secrets of nature, may forsee a time when social evolution will advance, hand in hand, with the perfection of machinery. Then al unintellectual labor; all labor that deals with dreadful things and involvves unpleasant conditions, will done by machinery. It will displace the toilers in coal mines, do all sanitary services, clean the streets car ry messages, take the place of stokers on steamships, and do everything that is tedious, distressing or dangerous. There can be no doubt that this is the future of machinery. Just as crops grow while the farmer sleeping, or as dividends accumulate while the investor is enjoying cultivated leisure; so while humanity will be busy with moral questions making things beautiful or engaging in intellectual pursuits, with opportunities to seek the holier objects machinery will be doing those kinds of work that stung men's mental activity. Unless there are slaves either by force or necessity, to do ugly, horrible, uninteresting work, culture and contemplation become almost impossible. But now the corner of the curtain is lifted in a coming era when machinery will be the slave in a perfected civilization.

Just because there sre sermons in stones, it doesn't necessarily follow that there are "rocks" in preaching.

## HAPPY DAYS

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FOR BABY

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## AHANDSOME SURPLUS

The Post desires to congratuiate Board of Water Commissioners and their efficient secretary on the splendid results attained during the past year in the management of the town's water works system.

By reference to the annual report in another column it will be seen that they have had a surplus of \$5,-636.41 for the year just closed.

This creditable state of affairs, while being a tribute to the business ability of the Water Commissioners, is also a strong argument in favor of leaving the management of municipal enterprises in the hands of a commission. The Board of Water Commissioners is composed of shrewd, level headed and successful business men, and the results, obtained during the past year should prove a source of gratification to the citizeos.

### THE EVIL OF GAMBLING

(Christian Guardian)

The agitation in favor of the bringing of the anti-race track gambling legislation once more propounds the question as to what it is in gambling in any form that makes it inherently wrong. That question has been asked of us, and we do not think that the answer is difficult to find. A little careful examination, not applying any over-refined ethical theories, but appealing only the commonly accepted ideas of right and wrong, will convict the practice as fundamentally a thing of evil.

To begin with, that simple, natural and all pervasive law of equivalent service says that, the gains mady by any method of gambling are not righteously made and cannot be held honestly. Whether in the stock market, beside the race track, or at the bridge table, the gambler who wins renders no equivalent service. He takes of the fruits of other men's toil and renders nothing in return. And the conviction that this should not be done is one of the unerring instincts of society. It is true that there are others besides the gamblers who break this law of equivalent service, but it is also true that society is etting keener every day in discovery of breaches in it, and that slowly the reconstruction of society is taking place on the basis that this law must have universal application.

Again, in any legitimate transaction between man and man there must be the opportunity for rutual advantage and profit. When this is not the case, when the transaction means that either party must suffer absolute loss and disdavantage, then the whole thing stands upon an unjust and unrighteous basis. In gambling the gains of one are always the loss and hurt of another, no matter what the form of gambling may be. How great the loss and suffering sometimes is, and how tragic the consequences are that sometimes follow, the inner history of thousands of lives alone would tell. And gambling persisted in becomes a disease of the moral nature than enab es an other-

Again, no man has any right to indulge in anything that he knows would not be good for society should all other men claim the same right of indulgence. The man who plays the races excuses himself on the ground that he can afford to lose the money he stakes. But see where that argument will lead him! He can afford to lose, yet he knows that the indulgence keeps up a custom that is snare to thousands that cannot afford to lose. The man who gambles a the race track, the stock markets, the gambling preserves of the fairly wellto-do do, ought to be willing to allow the poor man to gamble after his fashion; that is, he ought to be willing to allow the flood gates to be opened, that would admit that old barbarism into all ranks and walks of life, that has worked such untold havoc in the history of nations. The man who says that gambling in any form is not good can himself consistently engage in gambling in no

## HIGH PRICES

(Montreal Witness.)

Mr. James Wilson, United States Secretary of Agriculture, said the other day that it costs more to get the common necessities of life in the United States than in any other country in the world. It is bad enough general response, and consequently in Canada but it is far worse there; the forces of privilege had it all eggs, for instance, which in Montreal their own way. The truth is that cost about thirty-five cents a dozen, the people were so prosperous as to sixty cents in some United | disregard increasing prices, and it is States cities. That there is some- only now that the shoe begins to thing more to account for the high pinch so viciously as to make them cost of living on this side as com- kick and squeal.

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with the United Kingdom, than the plethora of gold, high living, and demand equality, or more than equalling supply, is shown by the fact that the cost of plain hiv- they entertained a number of their ing in England is at least twentyfive per cent. less than in America. Bread, far instance, in England only costs half as much as in Canada. free trade New York World boldly proclaims that for the most part the increased cost of living is largely the penalty of the people's own stupidity and indifference. Had the present revolt io the United States against the high prices of commodities started nine months ago there would probably have been sweeping reductions in the tariff on foodstuffs and other necessities of life. Congress could hardly have disregarded an insistent public demand. There was, however, no revolt at the time when such an uprising might have been almost immediately effective and Speaker Cannon could say last May-probably correctly-'Of all the letters on the tariff I receive, and Ireceive a good many, not one in fifty makes any objection to the tariff bill as framed by the House, or to the amendments proposed by the Senate.' In Canada, public opinion has been somewhat more insistent for lower duties and especially on the part of farmers' and various al of the 'general public.' But practithe whole recent period of United

lied associations, if not on the part cally the only protest made by an organized body of consumers during States tariff revision was that of the club women who petitioned against the duties on gloves and stockings The 'World' the 'Evening Post' and other independent newspapers appealed to the public in its own to demand areduction in terest

the cost of living, but there was no ence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

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Wedding Anniversary

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E Parcels, Albert-st., was the scene of delightful event last evening, when friends in honor of the fourth anniversary of their wedding. The most interesting feature of the evening was progressive euchre. keen interest being taken by all. The first prize was won by Miss Florence Thorndyke and Mr. Pat Murphy and the "booby" with all its glory was awarded to Mr. A. B. Terry and Mrs. Pat Murphy. After the euchre contest a dainty and refreshing repast was served at which the guests did ample justice.

Altogether the evening was a lightful affair, ending by the guests wishing Mr. and Mrs. Parcels many years of happiness and prosperity.

When you go to the country take It is unequalled to relieve earache, sprains, burns, cuts and bruises. 25

## Social Hop

A social hop was held in the town hall Monday evening, which was attended by over one hundred couples. Excellent music was provided by Roenigk's orchestra, and a delightful evening was spent by the lovers of the Terpsichorean art. The committee in charge of the function comprised Messrs. Geo. Pope, Joseph Cain and Joseph Best.

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## The Results for 1909

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Surplus earned in 1909..... 1,090,241.18 4,940,559.7 Total Surplus, Dominion Government Standard .... Payments to Policyholders-Death Claims, Matured Endowments, Profits, etc., during 1909 ..... 2,824,184.0 Life Assurances in force December 31st, 1909.....129,913,669.50

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