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The Other Side.

The Journal has often urged that the lower classes should not be judged by the same standard as their neighbors of the upper crust, because they have not the same advantages of education, of moral opportunity, of environment or legal advice.

An article in the current number of the "Saturday Evening Post" written by David Graham Phillips entitled "The Penalties of Poverty" convinces us that not only should the two classes not be judged by the same standard but that far more severe judgment should be meted out to the richer classes.

Mr. Phillips charges that the poor in New York are forced to pay far more accordingly for all their supplies than the rich; first, because the so-called "tonier stores" do not solicit or seek their patronage; second, because the unscrupulous dealers who accept the patronage of the poor sell to them in small quantities and exact therefor much more per cent than they are entitled to.

Mr. Phillips charges also that the contemptible dealers who sell to the poor work off on them adulterated food-stuffs, meat, sugar, etc. which enchance the seller's profits and, at the same time work havoc to the health of the purchaser. As a result the poor are growing up with weak bodies and stunted intellects.

Is it to be wondered at if they have moral strabismus or if they murmur even to the point of physical force confiscation, so far as they are concerned, of God's blessings and opportunties?

May it not be said that the richer, higher educated and supposedly refined classes are, in a measure, responsible for the innate savagery of the average poor persons, when they cut down their wages to the lowest possible notch and then filch back even that meager pittance in outrageous prices for rent, food, clothing and other expenditures absolutely necessary to keep soul and body together.

The Journal is not pessimistic but it cannot withhold the opinion that there will be a day of reckoning for those who so woefully misunderstand or deliberately pervert the meaning of the Golden Rule.

For Shame !

Queer stories of police incompetency and judicial negligence, to speak mildly, come from New York these days.

The other night a wealthly drunken club man accosted a respectable girl walking along the street with her sister. She repulsed his advances. A policeman arrested both. At the station house the man secured bail. The girl had no "pull" so she was locked up all night with a lot of drunks and criminals.

The following morning the Dogberry who presided in Police Court, fined the man three dollars and the girl an equal sum! Think of that! Shades of Roger Taney, of Sanford E. Church! An innocent girl, locked up all night in a filthy New York station-house and then branded as a criminal by conviction, all because she refused the advances of a drunken loafer, with more money than morals. He was a poor specimen of a man to let the girl suffer, but the the magistrate deserves as much contempt.

A few nights after this episode, a so-called "detective" arrested a respectable girl on Broadway and charged her with the offense most henious to a pure woman. She too was locked up all night. But it so happened that she was brought before a different sort of judge—Magistrate Finn, "Battery Dan" Finn as his political and personal friends were won't to call him. "Dan" may not rank with Choate or Root as a lawyer, but like the late Judge Duffy he knows New York conditions from A to Z. Moreover he has a heart as big as a bushel basket and is possessed of a keen insight into human nature. He saw that the girl before him was not a bad one, so he discharged her and administered a public reprimand to the "fool policeman" as he called him.

It would seem as though the great city of New York could not afford to tolerate such ignoramuses on its police force.

Suffrage.

At the recent commencement of Vassar College, Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, made the humorous statement that before the hair of some of his hearers turned gray, a woman might sit in the White House as Victoria wore the crown of England. Naturally, this remark attracted considerable attention because of the prominence of the speaker. Some papers even went so far as to ignore or not to see the humor in the statement and treated the justice's raillery in serious vein.

The New York "Times," we think, has scented the situation rightly. It calls attention to the law of nature by which the hair of most of those who listened to Justice Brewer will have turned gray by 1935 and it asks if any sane observer has a suspicion even that a woman would or could be elected president of the United States by that time.

The "Times" calls attention to what Bishop McQuaid several times has pointed out to Miss Anthony and her associates that if women be given the right to vote, the ballot will be placed in the hands of all women, rich or poor, white or black, Protestant or Catholic and that, as the world is going to-day, the chances favored more foreign and Catholic women to vote than there would be of the native American, Protestant stock.

In conclusion the "Times" drifts away from the original topic and repeats the stock argument of the know-nothings that male suffrage should be restricted to the "intellectual of uppertendom" denied altogether to the immigrant and permitted to his boys only under restriction.

The Journal has just this to say: It does not wish to see women in politics. It wishes that woman of to-day were less like men than they are. But if women ever are allowed to vote, Catholic women will hold the balance of power in more than one election precinct.

It is easier to rob an English Duchess than an American millionairess. A laborer says he went in a side door at the Duchess of Westminister's palace and was not detected while he pocketed jewels worth several thousands of dollars.

Popularity pursues poor Joseph H. Choate wherever he goes. The English kept him busy in one continual round of pleasure. Now that he is back in the United States nightly and hourly receptions by this or that club or organization have been the rule.

Delyannis, the Greek prime minister who was assassinated a few days ago, did not leave a penny. Evidently the "high finance system" has not penetrated Greece as yet.

The fact that the reported use of a profane expleture by one of New York's swell ladies has furnished the metropolitan press with columns of "copy" has moved an editoral writer on one of the big city papers to remark that "cuss words" as they are known, are not at all uncommon in the speech of the "400." We trust this is not so. Let us cherish woman as refined and delicate, not as the equal of the stableman and loafer.

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SCENE OF LEE'S SURRENDER

Historic House Stands Empty in a Hamlet Almost Deserted.

Sacket's Hotel, says the Nashville, (Tenn.) Banner, where Grant and Lee arranged the surrender, still stands at the almost deserted hamlet of Appomattox, Va. It is empty, unhonored, neglected, yet within its walls was held an interview that interested the civilized world—that interests the American people now, and will interest posterity. An accident, the match of a stupid incendiary, may at any time lay it in ashes. No one is caring for it or about it. A court house that stood not far away was burned a year or two ago, and has been rebuilt at the railway line, three miles distant. Most of the other buildings of the village have been pulled down and hauled to the new town.

This picture is from the pen of Fitzhugh Lee. A similar description is given by one of Grant's officers, thus:

"The surrender took place in the left-hand room of the old house which had a hallway through it. A short space apart sat two men. The larger and taller of the two was most striking. His hair was as white as snow. His demeanor was cold and proud. There was not a speck on his coat, not a spot on the gauntlets he wore; they were as neat and clean as a lady's glove. That was Robert E. Lee. The other was Ulysses S. Grant. His boots were full of mud; one button of his blouse was in the wrong buttonhole. He wore no sword."

Lee's careful attention to dress on this occasion may have been partly hereditary. He was directly descended from a Norman knight in the army of William the Conquerer and wore a sword with a hilt of solid gold.

Grant did not enter Lee's lines, but in every way behaved with respect and kindness. Lee used neither liquor nor tobacco, and read the Bible daily. His remains are in the chapel of Lexington College, and near by lie those of Stonewall Jackson. To a Virginia lady Lee once said:

"Madam, do not train up your children to hate the United States government. We are one people now. Let us be Americans."

Passing of Cigarette.

It appears from recently compiled statistics that the number of cigarettes annually sold in this country at present is less by about a billion than it was ten years ago. Whether this decrease may be attributed to the operation of the anti-cigarette laws, to the power of public sentiment, to the placing on the market of a great number of cheap cigars that are usually classed as stogies or cheroots, or to all three causes, would be hard to determine.

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