

# Sayings of the Week.

## A Sad Thing.

It is a sad thing to see such a number of Burnham boys coming before me. I don't understand how it is, but I suppose it is because such a number of bad boys go to the school.—*Sir Robert Stout.*

## King John's Mantle.

The Magna Charta was passed in the reign of King John because the King usurped all authority, and is still in existence, and the Government of today have taken King John's mantle upon themselves in New Zealand, and the only way which Potone will have of evading the levy is by passive resistance. The work did not benefit Potone, but all the old dead-beats in the country, and influenced the elections.—*Mr Findlay.*

## No More Cheap Money.

He did not think they would see cheap money again. A proportion of the money required for the Lower Hutt borough drainage work was raised at 3½ per cent. Large municipalities like Sydney and Melbourne had had to pay 5 per cent., and in some cases they were unable to get money. In one instance a loan of £12,000 cost 6 per cent.—*Mr E. P. Ranz.*

## The Boy of To-day.

In my opinion the boy of to-day is more honest than the boy of two generations ago. He is cleaner in thought and mind, and is certainly more considerate of the feelings of others. He is much more amenable to discipline, and is thoroughly imbued with the idea that honourable labour is a form of prayer—the form that is not lightly regarded by the Almighty. I do not consider that the moral tone of our youth has suffered in the slightest degree from our system of secular education.—*Mr D. D. McGe, Headmaster Newton East School.*

## Too Prominent.

He thought that the public school teachers were becoming too prominent in opposing the Bible-in-schools' movement. It was time that the teachers were told that the schools were not made for the teachers, but the teachers were made for the schools. It was evidently democratic that the voice of the people should be taken on this question of Scripture lessons in schools.—*Rev. J. K. Elliott.*

## Legal Advice and Whisky.

I suppose the quantity of whisky you get for a shilling is something like a legal opinion. One man may charge 0/8, another 13/4, and a third, who, perhaps, may feel inclined to give a guarantee that his opinion is correct, may possibly charge a guinea. I don't speak as an expert about whisky, but I suppose it varies in quality pretty much as advice does.—*Mr Justice Edwards.*

## Daringly Unconventional.

We women of the Dominion, we free women, theoretically emancipated, the envy of political women agitators all over the world, permit the whole of our girls to be educated by men along the lines suitable for the development of the masculine development. What is happening to our peculiar and particular excellencies? They are being educated out of us. Women are becoming athletic—good sports. They are becoming political—agitators—disturbers of the public peace. They are becoming theorists of an advanced type, and daringly set conventionality at naught. If they get their own way fully and entirely, what will be the end of it?—*Miss Richmond.*

## A Very Sad Place.

Although a cablegram which appeared in the newspapers a few days ago conveyed the news that the Lords had decided that the divorce proceedings should be held in open Court, I will inform the public that the New Zealand Parliament has made a Statute which enables me to hear all the divorce cases in private. I don't believe in hearing divorce cases in private, but I will not allow the Court to be used as a place of public amusement. It is not at all a place of amusement. It is a very sad place, and I will not have it turned into a theatre. If

necessary, I will have the Court cleared, and allow only the newspaper representatives to be present, so as to avoid any scandal.—*Mr Justice Edwards.*

## The World's Peace.

General disarmament must be preceded by the elimination from the world's system of all causes of war. The political situation in Europe was such that Britain may do more to preserve peace by strengthening her forces than any other means. England ought to be so strong in the council of nations that her mandate for peace could not be disregarded.—*Sir Arthur Lawley.*

## A Pacific Fleet.

As far as I am concerned, and I speak as a citizen of the Empire, we ought to do everything possible to provide for land defence, so that in the event of trouble

in that city—and he had been informed that the coming of the Territorial system of military training had knocked down the attendance quite 50 per cent. And experience seemed to be somewhat similar in New Zealand. It was evident that the young fellows who previously went in for gymnasium exercise now had to do territorial work, and objected as a consequence to give an extra night in the week to physical work in the gymnasium.—*Mr T. W. Lys.*

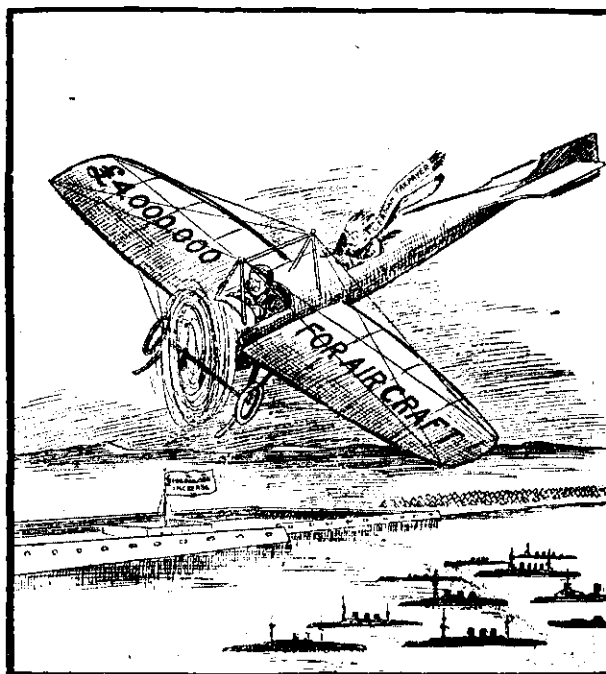
## Humours of the Census.

Did it ever occur to you what an amount of pure, unadulterated fun can be extracted from a census report? asks an American paper. They must be merry dogs who compile these documents. We can imagine them digging each other in the ribs over their walnuts and planning new cargoes of explosive facts to be sent sailing cheerily into the midst of the movements and agitations that make up the larger part of modern life. For example, take that giddy publication en-

two, and it seems, moreover, to be the one favoured by the statistical genius at Washington. He suggests that the domestic servant has no chance to rise. Her mistress will see to that. She has no social standards to restrain her. Her mistress will see that she has none, and can be trusted to remind her of the fact. Robbed of her sense of decency and of dignity by the poisonous atmosphere of social inferiority with which she is surrounded, she readily succumbs to criminal temptation. She is not allowed to have the standards that are a protection.

## Why Women's Suffrage is Unknown in France.

An apparently well-informed Paris correspondent gives us some of the reasons why woman's suffrage is practically unknown in France. The reasons are somewhat disturbing to that attitude of cant with which we approach everything French, with the exception of French military. Summarising these reasons, it may be said that the Frenchwoman is indifferent to the suffrage because she is still a woman. First of all she retains her piety until after middle age. Secondly, she has entire social freedom unless she has a dot and is therefore detestable from the marriage point of view, and no one wants to interfere with that freedom. Thirdly, she has a prejudice against whatever robs a woman of her sex, and she believes that the suffrage will do just this thing. And, fourthly, there is "the general success and happiness of marriage" in France. Of course there are other reasons, and among them the willingness of high-grade Frenchmen to do political work without remuneration. In other words, the Frenchwoman finds that the fact of her sex will give her everything that she needs and more than she could ever get by any expedient whatever that robbed her of her sex.—*San Francisco Argonaut.*



THE UNWILLING PASSENGER.

This year Germany proposes to spend £4,000,000 on air craft, and the total increase for the next five years for armaments is calculated to reach £109,000,000.

we may be able to take care of ourselves. There is an Imperial fleet in the British Home waters able to hold its own against any possible enemy, or enemies, so I hope the time has come when there should be a British fleet in the Pacific, also able to hold its own against any probable combination in these seas.—*Hon. W. F. Massey.*

## A Damaging Policy.

Women's conduct in England had satisfied many people in America that women would not be safe with the ballot, and consequently American women were being voted down.—*Miss Anna Shaw.*

## Force as a Last Resort.

He declined to be a party to any compromise on the Home Rule Bill. Ulster still adhered to its covenant. Force would be used only as a last resort to beat back those who were daring to barter away the loyalists' elementary rights of citizenship.—*Sir Edward Carson.*

## Local Navy Preferred.

The Admiralty had always favoured contributions, but the majority of Canadians did not desire this. The Australians had abandoned the contribution system, believing in the formation of their own navy. The attitude of most Canadians was similar.—*Sir Wilfrid Laurier.*

## Clashing.

While in Sydney some six weeks ago he had visited the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium—the principal school for physical cul-

tured in that city—and he had been informed that the coming of the Territorial system of military training had knocked down the attendance quite 50 per cent. And experience seemed to be somewhat similar in New Zealand. It was evident that the young fellows who previously went in for gymnasium exercise now had to do territorial work, and objected as a consequence to give an extra night in the week to physical work in the gymnasium.—*Mr T. W. Lys.*

Now why should domestic servants show a tendency to criminality? Are they domestic servants because they are criminal, or are they criminal because they are domestic servants? Which is the post hoc and which the propter hoc? Are we to understand that domestic service, or working for another woman, can only be tolerated by those whose natures are already hardened and calloused by crime, by those who have already thrown self-respect to the winds and who are ready to snatch at anything that seems to be just a grade better than jail sentence? If that theory should appear disrespectful to the housekeepers of the country, then we will willingly adopt the only alternative. We will suppose that domestic service, or working for another woman, has the curious property of arousing the latent criminality in the female breast, and that even a brief season of domestic servitude is likely to suggest arson or burglary to minds formerly healthy and innocent. The latter theory seems the more probable of the

## Has the World Progressed?

Dr. Flexner has discovered the germ of infantile paralysis, and of course the feeble-minded people are screaming with delight at "one more step toward the hygienic millennium." The discovery does not mean that paralysis can be cured. Not at all, since lots of germs have been discovered without cures and lots of cures have been discovered without germs. And now comes Dr. Cabines, the celebrated French physician, who says that the ancient seem to have known as much about medicine as ourselves. Castor oil, massage, and other forms of medicine and exercise were known in ancient Babylon. In Egypt, 3500 years before Christ, "that doctors had very much the same knowledge as we have ourselves." Dr. Cabines finishes his article in *Le Journal* with the following statement: "One is really obliged to ask one's self whether the world has progressed since the days of Sesostris to those of Pasteur, or if humanity goes back a pace in one direction when she advances in another." And for this sign of scientific humility let us be duly grateful. Perhaps human progress is an infinitely slower thing than we have any conception of, and it may be that with the right time perspective we should have to transfer a good many of our movements—perhaps most of them—from the progressive to the retrogressive side of the ledger.

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