

An Objection to All Reforms.
Tutor Jenks, discussing reforms and reformers in the November number of the World's Work, has a considerable satisfaction that he has spent no small portion of his life in skillfully avoiding the advocacy of any reform for a long time. Mr. Jenks says: "There has been a very serious objection to each reform in turn as it presented itself. In every case I have found the theory delightful, and have longed to make it my own. But, alas, every case, I have been saved by the theory itself. In short, the trouble with each reform has been the advocates of it. So long as it could be approached as a set of mental ideas, there was some delight in the thought of becoming one of the elect of the earth—separating one's self from the opportunists; of joining some devoted band of martyrs; of living (theoretically, of course) in a better way. But as the theory reached the full flush of youthful enthusiasm, it has always been my fate to be presented to some light of the real world, some enthusiastic whose ideas seem to fit in with the theory, but whose extravagances of speech or manner matched his extravagances of heart; who was so absorbed in his own peculiar cut as to be incapable of doing to the many advantages derivable from enlisting in it. And it may be that in my wounded self-esteem the secret of the repugnance against the reformer, has accrued to the reformer's theory. I conclude that we should be well contented that the millennium were it not that the reformers drive away those whom the reform attracts. In fact, to go on to say: "The trouble with reforms is invariably that they are not and I wish respectfully to suggest to all those whose mission it is to better mankind that they commit their energies to writing, and forward them to the many who are engaged in the struggle. The advantage of type is that it never wears reform costumes; is always habited in a decent suit of black, never goes on taking when the object of the reformer wishes to drop the subject, and is by its very nature confessedly devoted to a single topic."

KILLED WHILE GOING HOME TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
FOWLER BANK ROBBED
Talented and Popular Young Man Meets Death at Oxford—Yeggenm Furrow.

Instantly Killed.
Loaded down with Christmas presents, Bert Brown, aged 17, while on his way home from Oxford township Saturday morning, was instantly killed. The young man, who attended school in Oxford, was returning to his home in Oxford township, Michigan Central tracks at the Thorton crossing, where a high embankment cut off the view of the tracks, the rig was struck by the northbound passenger train. Both youth and horse were instantly killed. The young man was badly cut up. Brown was the son of William Brown, one of the largest landowners and most prosperous farmers in the county. He was an exceptionally bright and was idolized by his parents. He was a great favorite with the teachers of the high school, his position as quarterback and captain of the football team, and his popularity with the boys. As president of the senior class, he was to graduate in June. It was his habit to come home from the 7 o'clock car for home. He was especially pleased over some handsome presents he had received. He died a cold death a short half hour afterwards.

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Can Dock Congressman. Gov. Higgins, of New York, commuted the sentence of death upon which Albert Patrick has remained for nearly five years since his conviction as the murderer of William Marsh Rice, an aged Texas millionaire, in New York City.

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Englishman Got Sample of Yankee Hustle. The Englishman came to this side of the Atlantic in a hurry. He had no money, had settled near Boston. The young woman's relatives were not able to go to New York with her, so they put her in a middle-aged man's friend, who promised to meet the young man, and the girl safely married, after which the couple were to return immediately to England.

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She Dared.
"Lucy, I dare you to get married this very night," said William Sweger to the young Miss Mary Sweger, of Muskegon.

Why Did He Kill Her?
Miss Helen Helm, of Baraca, was shot down by a young man on the street while waiting for a car. The man was later identified as a young man named John Smith.

To Order 5,000 Cars.
The purchasing agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad has invited bids for an estimated cost of \$6,000,000 for 5,000 cars.

No Revision in 1920.
No revision in 1920. The tariff commission has decided to hold the tariff in place for the present.

The American smelted the superior sample of one who has done a great thing and said: "Oh, that's nothing. I wish I could do that in a hurry here."

Victims of Shooting Season.
Seventy-four shooting victims were actually shot at, their rustling in the bushes being taken for that of game. No incident, however, without this chapter of accidents is possible without knowing whether the homicides were green hands, afflicted with an acute form of buck fever, or seasoned sportsmen caught off their guard.

Life Savers Are Fired.
Secretary Shaw announced the dismissal of Kester, D. P. Johnson, and Surman Jacob O. Johnson, of Holland, from the life-saving service, after a hearing on the charges of negligence.

Powerful New Rifles.
There are to be 100 of the new Springfield rifles, which are the most powerful in the world.

Girl Wife Murdered.
Edward P. Brassam, aged 23, who was shot by his wife in Jackson, Mich., was held for trial.

THE MARKETS.
Cotton, wheat, and other commodities. Prices are generally steady.

Northwest Will Get Coal.
Franklin K. Lane, of the Interstate commerce commission, has been asked to order the coal situation.

Smithers' Sign.
Some people gain by experience; others carry a lot of truisms about them. The sign for Smithers' store is a good example of this.

Found the Body.
The mournful howl of a faithful dog dragged his owner from a hole in the ice. The body was found in the water.

Tramp Industry Dead.
The Washington county jail, Ann Arbor, is empty of tramps. The industry is dead.

William Walker, ex-convict, has been completed of stealing a gold watch and chain and a gold ring from the house of correction.

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