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THAT SIMPLE FAITH.

Thomas Jefferson must have smiled as he watched the last ballot cast at the greatest fiasco of a convention ever held in this country, where his disciples (amiable ever need in time country, where his disciples damable little creatures) had me in the guise of Democracy to nominate from amongst themselves a political leader. Other things will accrue to the Democratic convention besides the fact that it took 16 days to allow Wall Street besides the fact that it took 16 days to allow Wall Street to formally take over the reins of the Jefferson party. Perhaps the greatest and most beneficial change that will come will be an increased interest in public affairs by the rank and file of Americans. John Jones and Annie Smith will come a little closer to the realization that politics is a game with the public treasury, as the greatest of spoils, and that statesmanship is more aptly described in the dictionary than in the lives of even a small group of world-famed-office-holders. And that this is true of all political parties.

Society is comparable with the weather. This morning we have a clear sky, the sun is shining and warm breezes blow, while the flowers and foliage nod; before night arrives the blizzard may be upon us, the skies are darkened and the fair earth is played upon by the un-tamed elements. Ah, but after the storm has passed you will find most of nature's offerings still intact; and, lo, the world once again becomes roseate with the glory of life!

world once again becomes roseate with the glory of life! The life that was rooted in stony and unfertile soil is bent to the ground; it could not stand the test.

And so with us human beings. We do not believe that there ever will come a time when "government of the people, by the people and for the people" will reach anything like perfection. There will always be "Wall Streets," Tea Pot Domes, Albert Falls and Benedict Arnolds in America. But there will also be something else; working quietly, unobfrusively, the simple faith of our Purifian fathers shall find a deeper root in American. our Puritan fathers shall find a deeper root in American consciousness. The John Jones' and the Annie Smith's will slowly gain in the majority until there shall come a time when the betrayal of a public trust will not be the aim of otherwise thoughtful men, but shall be because of sheer pitiful human weakness.

Though the jingle of gold may often twist the mentalities of those who are reduceible for the natural realities.

talities of those who are responsible for the natural re-sources of any country, we should thank an omniscient Providence for the simple thinking and faithful trustfulness of the millions of men and women who, incapable of practicing deception, are the real foundation of society.

Society, as we have constituted it, will have no place for me, has none to offer; but Nature, whose sweet rains fall on just and unjust alike, will have clefts in the rocks where I may hide, and sweet valleys in whose silence I may weep undisturbed. She will hand the night with stars so that I may walk abroad in the darkness without stumbling, and send the wind over my footprints so that none may track me to my hurt; she will cleanse me in great waters, and with bitterness make me whole.—Oscar Wilde.

NATURAL-OR OTHERWISE.

In this age we are so drenched with artificiality that our perception of the division between artifice and instinct is, somewhat blunted. Hence we sometimes describe as "natural" what is merely the result of centuries of unnatural living. The exponents of "free love" declare that man is by nature polygamous, and that enforced monogamy is an unwise and unnatural restriction. Perhaps. It is certain that man today is a fickle and wayward creature when unhampered by conventions and circumstances. But before we ascribe to nature desires that may be only the degeneracy of instincts, it might be well to grope our way backward through the dust of time and social entanglements and try to gain a glimpse of the naked atom that preceded us. We have no way of doing this except by observing that portion of creation which today is outside man's dominion.

We find that most birds, so far as is known, are We find that most birds, so far as is known, are strictly monogamous. Many monkeys and apes take but one mate through life. Some wild animals like the lion, tiger and leopard are also monogamous, according to writers of natural history. These creatures are as free and "natural" as anything on earth. Explorers tell us that savages, until molested by the white race, usually regarded second matings with horror. Professor Louis Kuhne, of Germany, in 1891 stated that man's desires under "clvilization" were largely abnormal and were brought about chiefly by improper eating, and came quite close to receiving his theory.

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Nothing is stated here as a truism. We simply question the word: "natural." To an opium smoker a craving for the drug is natural. In fact all that a man may may do is natural Trom one point of view, for there is no action that has not a cause and a consequence. It is "natural" to sin and "human" to err, but we need not erect altars to our errors. The bulk of medical and anatomical research appears to favor monogamy, though granting if not without its physical defects. Before we legalize an institution it should be proven something more than "natural."

WOODWARD, OUR WOODWARD

Once upon a time in Birmingham, (for thus the story goes)
Chief Pontiac and all his men wore scarcely any clothes.
With faces painted red and black, big feathers in their
hair,
They strode along in solemn mien and drank great gulps
of air.
With nothing but their tomahawks they blazed a single
trail

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That now is known as Woodward—and often leads to jail.
From Saginaw's tall, whispering pines to Detroit's whiring mills
These olden Redskins built a road that spanned the dells
and hills; ovels then were not in use and Groesbeck not

vet born. Though we are told that moonshine grew and so did Indian corn, Yet these old boys, in gala dress, joined all their hands as

one
And worked like hell from morn til night until the trail was done.
Today we watch this old trail fade before the shovel's maw

And yet we are compelled to stand and watch with open

jaw,
For though the road may widened be—200 feet or so—
In Birmingham we're in the dark—our width we do not know.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

George Haigh of Mankota, Minn, was the guest of Henry W. Randall ast week. Mr. Haigh was Henry's-aptain during the rebellion and a nice account of a late reunion of his gallant company can be found elsewhere in this paper.

A nice party, of the surprise van DEPAUI riety, was given last week at the time home of Volney Miller in honor of the birthday of Miss Nellie Brooks. mercal Refreshments were served to about from twenty-five young people. Singing of live and other amusements were on the County and other amusements were on the County.

Ed Lamb has been seriously ill but the base ball game on Saturday last resurrected him and he crawled out to see the Hungries get beat.

Monday, P. H. Sherman while painting on J. P. Cranch's house fell from his ladder, a distance of twenty feet, and was banged up consider-ably.

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FRANK L. COVERT,
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Attorney for Plaintiff.
Business Address: Royal Oak, Michigan
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