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The Conquering Prune.

It appears that America is to have more title of distinction abroad. The prune, native of the sunny California and adopted into every boarding house in the land, is going forth conquering and to conquer, to delight the palate of the world. The prune that, fresh or dried, in butter or in cans, preserved by special preparations of its own essence, is still second only to bread and potatoes, the American staff of life, is no longer to be confined to our own shores, but like the American girl and the cake walk, is to invade the lands beyond the seas. Wherever the prune goes it will be at home. And having once invaded a domicile, that home will never seem home without it, especially if that home is a boarding house.

According to Consul General Chester at Budapest, "the Hungarian official pomological organ states in its latest number that it is anxious to supply and peculiar soft condition of American prunes in Europe have awakened a lively interest everywhere of late."

Who would not be interested in the prune? Said to say, however, this organ goes on to declare that the prune was examined and found "to be soaked with a fluid containing from 10 to 12 per cent of glycerin to artificially increase their size and weight." It warns Hungarian buyers against all American preserved fruits and calls American fruit merchants "profit seeking and of ficious."

To which responds Consul General Chester: "It is evident from the foregoing that there is a market, even in Hungary, for American prunes, and that each shipment should be accompanied by a certificate of purity from some chamber of commerce or board of health, and so well packed as to prevent rotting by middlemen in Europe."

Here is betting on the prune. It will glycerinate by European middlemen and "knocked" by European official organs. Already the people are "interested," and already the papers are raising a note of alarm at this new American invasion. That tells the story. The prune has arrived—and it has arrived in Hungary and it will arrive all over Europe. From Liverpool to Constantinople and from Madrid to St. Petersburg it will wind its conquering way.

SALE OF BABIES.

Philadelphia Coroner Says There is No Way to Stop It.
While the buying and selling of infants carried on at 2295 West Dauphin street, says the Philadelphia Press, is only one instance of the shameful traffic in human beings, the case is at present no law by which those engaged in the business can be prosecuted.

Coroner Dugan said recently when particularly flagrant case was brought before him:
"There is really no law against the buying and selling of infants. The only way we can get at it is under the law of cruelty. When we can prove that the children are inhumanly treated then we are able to court the keepers of the babies, but very often it is proved that the children are better off when adopted than in the hands of their own parents."

"But it is degrading to allow infants to be bartered and sold like animals. The act in itself ought to be illegal. We thrashed this subject pretty thoroughly in our course against the baby farm last spring, and the result is that out of twenty which one of our men visited recently eighteen have been closed."

Coroner Dugan also said that he knew of instances where babies had been loaned overnight for \$5 and returned the next morning. In one case a woman bought a child for \$5, kept it overnight, and upon returning it the next day received \$12 back."

USE FANS IN BATTLE.

Japanese Soldiers Carry Breeze Blowers Forward at Mikado.
On one side soldiers fiercely fighting to the accompaniment of the rifle's deadly barking and the sullen roar of cannon. On the other side the Japanese family reserves rhythmically swinging dainty little fans before their noses while awaiting the summons to go into action. Such is a remarkably early morning scene in the trenches described by Frederick Palmer in Collier's.

The soldiers with the fans of course were Japs. Of no other nation under the sun would such a thing be possible. The establishment of the Russians upon first witnessing this custom of their enemies may be imagined, but if from it they gained the impression that the little men were effeminate they have long since learned their mistake. Mr. Palmer suggests that the cool and deliberate soldiers of the Japanese soldiers may be due in part to the fans they carry, which are presents from the emperor. On them is inscribed in the handwriting of Marquis Oyama the commander in chief of the army, the words, "Do your best for your country."

"On a hot day," writes Mr. Palmer from the front, "a Jap may beat up a

breeze in front of a soldier's nose which will save him from succumbing."

Contrasting the methods of the busy Russians with the agile little yellow men, the correspondent says:
"A Japanese general knows that any force, however small, will stay where it is placed—static, alert or dead. One company is as much like another as peas in a pod. No special units, no rough riders, no king's own, no stiffening of weak regiments with remnants of volunteers or regulars. There is an approximate level of courage and skill. A commander may choose the unit at hand as a mechanic takes down any tool from a rack. If you want a Horatius at the bridge, take the nearest first sergeant."

"The Russian came to the attack with a splendid confidence—a childlike, mob-like confidence. All the way across the Siberian steppes in their troop trains were no cowards and reserves—we are the little father's crowd." But the makaki know a mark when they see one, and they like to fire at a column of men who are not.

Mr. Palmer has found evidence of the truth of Count Tolstoy's charge that many of the Russian soldiers, having no stomach for the war, are being killed by their own officers. Speaking of certain prisoners captured by the Japanese, he says:
"One Russian who had been found prostrate had been examined in vain for any wound. It was with difficulty that he was got to walking. Apparently he had been scared stiff by his captives of fire. When another un wounded man was asked how he happened to be taken prisoner he replied, 'I wanted to be.' When a contemptuous comment was translated to him he said: 'I have no interest in this war. I don't propose to be sacrificed.'"

INCREASE OF INSANITY.

Chicago Citizens Said to Be Heeded in That Direction.
One person in every 150 in Chicago is insane, according to a dispatch from that city to the New York World. One person in every five is predisposed to insanity. This is asserted in the report of Dr. H. Volzstein, superintendent of the Dunning Insane asylum. Many more prominent authorities, men who have studied the subject scientifically for years, are of opinion that insanity has increased there rapidly in the last ten years. It has increased all over the world, but more so in Chicago. The census of 1900 showed an increase of insanity to 1,000,000 inhabitants in quadruple in fifty years.

"At the present rate of the development of insanity, according to the world's statistics," says Dr. James P. Lynch, "and with present conditions of work and living unaltered, half of the civilized world will be more or less insane 50 years from now. In an area of 200 years from that time, under the same conditions, most of the Caucasian race will be mentally deranged and civilization wiped out from the earth by the multitudes of Gothic and vandals of Asia."

Russian Wives For Sale.

In the Kharkoff, Poltava and Ekaterinopol provinces of Russia, says the Norfolk-Vermont, there is a rapidly growing traffic in the sale of wives, frequently at their own desire.
The usual cause is the extreme poverty of the husband, who can no longer keep his wife, though it is often because the wife desires to be free from a cruel, drunken partner. The trade has become so common that few markets are held without such transactions, which are a blot on the face of that no case has been known of a husband demanding his wife back.

Their market value varies from \$40 to \$75. None is never paid.

Woman Sleeps Out of Doors.

In an elderly lady a woman in Chicago, Ill., sleeps every night out of doors, says a Chicago dispatch. She is Mrs. Martha Foote Crowe, deaf woman at Northwestern university and head of Willard hall at that institution.
"I am no convert to outdoor living," said Mrs. Crowe. "Because I have al-

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NOTHING TO TAKE BACK

How Will Bryan Explain His Hostility to Parker?
William Jennings Bryan has been elected, engaged by the Democratic national committee to make speeches in New York, Indiana and other places. The former candidate for the presidency has something of a reputation as an able political cartoonist, but he will have the time of his life explaining his record during the present campaign. Mr. Bryan has been on a good many sides of a good many different questions, and yet he lives to tell the tale. But just how he proposes to advocate the election of Parker is a mystery.

Bryan was opposed to Parker before the convention met at St. Louis. He was opposed to Parker every day during the sessions of that international gathering. When Parker sent his telegram supplementing the Democratic platform Mr. Bryan rose from a bed of sickness to denounce the nominee as a traitor and a dictator, and his dramatic appearance on that Saturday night was one of the most extraordinary episodes of an extraordinary convention. Bryan insisted Parker and he dared the convention to send a telegram to the nominee demanding his honest opinion on other well-known Democratic principles.

Mr. Bryan, in his paper, the Commonwealth, while the events in the convention were fresh before him, openly charged that Judge Parker was a party to a corrupt attempt to deceive the convention and that his nomination had been secured by improper means. It was then that the former candidate for the presidency put himself on record by saying in the Commonwealth of July 13, less than a week after the nomination: "I have nothing to take back."

It seems a curious thing to find a man who has "nothing to take back," appearing on the stump favoring the election of Alton B. Parker for the presidency. If Mr. Bryan has "nothing to take back," he should in common honesty when he appears on the stump in Indiana, and elsewhere, report to his audience exactly what he said in the Commonwealth of July 13, which was printed exactly one week after the Democratic convention was called to order and only four days after Judge Parker was nominated for the presidency and had sent his telegram repudiating the Democratic platform.

In this issue of the Commonwealth Mr. Bryan said:
"It was a plain and deliberate attempt to deceive the party. The New York platform was vague and purpose-

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WEEK-DAY TRAINS			
NORTH.		SOUTH.	
Leave Chicago	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
7:45 am	9:55 am	9:55 am	6:35 am
8:05	9:05	5:50	6:50
10:25	11:25	7:00	8:00
11:30	*2:50	7:25	8:25
3:02	4:02	9:30	10:30
3:12	4:12	9:40	10:40
5:18	6:20	12:30 pm	1:40 pm
5:57	7:05	2:31	3:50
6:35	7:40	3:50	5:00
8:06	9:10	6:37	7:50
11:35	12:45 am	7:00	7:55

SUNDAY TRAINS			
NORTH.		SOUTH.	
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3:00 am	3:59 am	7:30 am	9:25 am
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10:10	11:30	2:05	3:20
10:45	11:59	4:25	5:40
1:30 pm	2:50 pm	7:35	8:25
6:35	7:50	8:52	9:40
11:35	12:45 am	9:00	10:10

ly so; because the advocates of Judge Parker were trying to secure votes from among the people who would have opposed his views had they known them. The nomination was secured, therefore, by crooked and indefensible methods."

An exhibition of political gymnastics Bryan's campaign speech for Parker ought to be worth going miles to hear. If, as he says, he has "nothing to take back," how will he explain matters to the people? What did he mean when he said in the Commonwealth: "The nomination of Judge Parker virtually nullifies the anti-trust plank?" Was it true on July 13 that Parker's nomination had been secured "by crooked means?" If it was true then it is not true now?

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