

Free Speech

How Far Can It Safely Go

By JAMES F. MUEHLBAUGH

THE natural instinct of every believer in liberty must be to cry with Fichte: "Let the truth be spoken though the world be thereby shattered into two thousand fragments," or, in brief, at the very least, the presumption must be in favor of absolute free speech, just as everything not expressly reserved to the federal authorities from the American constitution belongs to the sphere of the state.

A moment's reflection, however, shows that this attitude is not always practicable in a world of imperfection. There are some things we should all admit that must not be said in public. That surely evil, the tongue, can no more be allowed unrestricted freedom of utterance than the human frame. The pure idealist must yield the floor to the practical statesman.

It seems obvious that we can raise no absolute standard either of what legitimate free speech may include or of the right of the authorities to suppress it. The Anglo-Saxon distrust of general principle (as noted by Lord Morley) seems to apply here with peculiar aptness, and here, if anywhere, we are justified in bringing philosophical truths to the aid of practical politics.

Legend must be had in every case to all the conditions: to the state of the political or social situation at the moment; to the nature of the audience as to age, intellect or discipline; to the known record or motives of the speaker; to the worth of the immediate good obtained by expression as compared with the ultimate loss through wilful pollution of the degraded doctrine; to the probable extent and violence of the anticipated evil and the greater or less difficulty to be anticipated in checking it when once started.

It is distinctly useless to allow the government to say any general doctrine of inviolable speech. The freedom of speech must be as dangerous what is unpleasant to the dominant power. For a large community great diversity of opinion in all departments is necessary for growth; compulsory authority is fatal.

There is nothing cut in the habits or ideas of any state of society as much as men's regulated use of speech. Freedom of speech must be liberally construed in the interests of a higher social development.

If for no other reason than the dread of ridicule the authorities should take care not to place themselves in the position of the London Times, which severely censored Mr. Darwin for "revealing his particular conclusions to the general public when the sky of Paris was red with the incendiary fumes of the commune."

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Origin of Species by Mutation

By HAROLD PICKETT

ALL the other animal types appear to have been well characterized when they first made their appearance. The theory of the origin of species by mutation, when applied either to plants or to animals, does not require any demand made by the natural selection theory for immoderately long periods of time, during which existing races were brought gradually to their present condition.

Ha Pins are Really Menacing

By ALTON E. CASBO

I was a passenger on a Chicago South-Edison train the other evening, and was standing in the aisle holding a strap when a young woman approached and in the crowd took my face with her hat pin as she passed. I was very fortunate that the hat pin was not as sharp as the one which had been used by the woman who had been a little later and had I been shorter such an injury would have resulted. The pin projected fully two or three inches over the end of her hat.

It seems almost incredible that in a civilized community women will wear such dangerous weapons in their hats.

How can they have the sharp projecting ends protected by some kind of shield?

Would it not be a good thing for the city fathers to take notice of this pestiferous and dangerous menace to life and limb?

The writer is not an authority on the subject, but he is sure that the hat pin of the last pin would be glad to save some other person from a like injury.

As a veterinary surgeon I heartily agree that the cause of all the ills the public water troughs should not be abolished. However, the fact must not be overlooked that the Veterinary association was perfectly right in asserting that the cause of the trouble is a source of infection and that a great many horses contract that most dreaded and fatal disease, glanders, by drinking from them.

However, this large source of infection could be reduced to a minimum if the city authorities would compel the owners of the troughs to keep the water flowing in them at all times. By doing away with the public working horse is any chance to get water for a whole day, as a large proportion of the teamsters feed their horses away from home and very few carry pails.

STATE HAPPENINGS

Litchfield.—Hundreds of Old Fellow and Litchfield men of 25 cities in central Illinois gathered here to attend the special sessions of the grand lodge of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and John H. Bink, president of the local lodge, and A. Stone, past grand master, chief of exchequer of Litchfield, and many other officers of the lodge, were present. The lodge was organized in 1880, and has since that time been one of the most active and successful in the state. The lodge is now one of the most active and successful in the state.

Vanalia.—At the first district annual convention of the Illinois State Veterinary Association, Dr. J. N. Wright, president of the association, announced tuberculosis as affecting cows, and the association to eradicate tuberculosis from Illinois herds. He said attempts to check the efforts of the association to eradicate tuberculosis from Illinois herds. He said attempts to check the efforts of the association to eradicate tuberculosis from Illinois herds.

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BEZEL VALE SALES

Orone M'Dooble and His Stone Uncle

By Ellys Parker Butler
Illustrated by PETER NEWELL

UNE OF the most cruel cases of heartlessness ever known in Bezelville had just come to light, and several of our most distinguished citizens had joined to write a Black and White letter to Countess M'Dooble, advising him to move into the next country or take the consequences. We think he will.

About eight years ago Hiram McDooble, then a young man, was married by his mother from the time the automobile passed across him until he breathed his last. He was always a very kind and gentle man, but when one saw him in the street, he would always look at the camera back, and he called him Uncle Hiram. He was a very kind and gentle man, but when one saw him in the street, he would always look at the camera back, and he called him Uncle Hiram.

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