

EDITORIAL

ANARCHY SELF-GIBBETED.

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THE Chicago *Syndicalist*, the latest penny-catching journalist venture of I'm-a-bummery, publishes in its February 15 issue the following "Society Notes" by J.A. Jones:

"All-rock drills are built fool-proof, but all men are not fools.

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"Don't let any timber fall in the chute. It won't pass through the gate.

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"In America the arson trust is using sausage skins strung on wire and stuffed with gasoline.

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"A few drops of sulphuric acid placed on top of a pile of woolen or cotton goods never stops going down.

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"Two decks of cards in a grain separator covers the screens and causes the grain to vanish out the blower.

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"A piece of iron dropped in a crucible full of glass will eat through it. Crucibles are made of graphite and cost \$40.

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"If the relieving holes miss fire, much costly powder in the back holes is burnt up without breaking the ground.

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"The English suffragettes are voting at the mail boxes. Their 'short ballots' consist of red paint and sulphuric acid.

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"A handful of salt in paint will allow a good-looking job for a day or two, but when dry will fall off in sheets.

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Maclay Hoyne, Chicago's district attorney, is analyzing a spontaneous

fire powder that allows the user to be miles away when it breaks forth.

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“Castor oil capsules dissolved in varnish destroy the ability of the latter to dry. The job must be washed down and started all over again.

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“The suffragettes of England have significantly notified their opponents that a fire in every shire was the way the word was flashed in days gone by.”

We miss from the list such items as these:

“Don’t handle dynamite near a factory. If the bomb is dropped it might injure the building.

“Poison kills, whether imbibed undiluted, or administered in soups.

“Sandbags are wicked weapons to use—they kill unawares, and leave no trace to detect the sandbaggers by.”

But, perhaps, the ingenious compiler of the “Society Notes” felt that his list sufficiently gibbeted Anarchy as too cowardly to say what it means, when not on trial before a jury, or to mean what it says, when on trial.

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