Free Speech

How Far Can It Safely Go

By JAMES F. MUIRHEAD



HE natural instinct of every believer in liberty must be to HB natural instinct of every believer in liberty must be to cry with Fishle: "Let the truth be spoken though the world be thereby shattered into a thousand fragments;" or to feel, at the very least, that the presumption must be in favor of absolute free speech, just as everything not expressly reserved to the federal authorities in the American constitution belongs to the sphere of the states.

A moment's reflection, however, shows that this attitude in on daway practicable in a world of imperfection. There is no the are some things we should all admit that must not be said in public. That turnly eril, the togote, can more be allowed unrestricted freedom of action than any other member of the human framt. The pure idealism must yield the floor to the practical statement.

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 wass regatimate tree speech may include or of the right of the authorities to suppress it. The Anglo-Saxon distrust of general principles (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 bar

of practical points.

Regard must be had in every case to all the conditions: to the state of the political or social atmosphere 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 suppression as compared with the ultimate loss through widened publicity of the sion as compared with the ultimate loss through widened publicity or use dreaded doctrine; to the probable extent and violence of the apprehended evil and the greater or less difficulty to be anticipated in checking it when

It is distinctly unsafe to allow the government to make any general definition of incendiary speech, since the inevitable tendency is to brand as dangerous what is unpleasant to the dominant power. For a large community great diversity of opinion in all departments is necessary for owth; compulsory authority is fatal.

There is nothing cast iron in the habits or ideas of any state of society except as men'e prejudices make it so. 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 censured Mr. Darwin for "revealing his particular zoological conclusions to the general



Origin of Species Mutation

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It has been pointed out that the theory put forward by de Vries of Amsterdam, according to which new species of plants according to which new species of plants come into existence not by a long process of natural selection, as Darwin supposed, but through sudden mutations, the cause of which remains unknown, applies equally

well to new species of animals.

The giant dinosaurs, for instance, whose remains, as found in our western "bad lands," excite so much amazement, appear by paleontological evidence to have sprung suddenly into being and as suddenly to have disappeared.

All the other animal types also seem to have been well characterized en they first made their appearance.

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The theory of the enrugh of species by mutation, when applied either to the plant or the animal kingdom, does away with the demand made by the natural selection theory for inordinately long periods of time, during which existing races were brought gradually to their present con-

Hat Pins are Really Menacing

By ALTON E. GASSO

Side elevated train the other evening and was standing in the aisle holding a strap when a young woman approached and in the crowd tore my face with her hat pin as she passed. I was very fortunate that my eye was not seriously injured

I was a passenger on a Chicago South

eye was not seriously injured.

Had she been a little taller or had I been shorter such an injury would have resulted. The pin projected fully two or three inches over the side of her hat.

It seems almost incredible that in a

civilized community women will wear such dangerous weapons in their hats. why not have the sharp projecting ends pro-

no kind of shield? Would it not be a good thing for the city fathers to take notice of

Would it not be a good thing for the city interes to take notice of this pestiferous and dangerous menace to life and limb? The writer is not actuated by any desire to be frivolous, but as a vic-tim of the hat pin he would be glad to save some other person from a

like injury.

Infection in Public Water Troughs

By S. GOLDSMITH

As a veterinary surgeon I heartily agree that for the sake of the horses the public watering troughs should not be abolished.

However, the fact must not be over-

looked that the Veterinary association was perfectly right in asserting that the public ough is a source of infection and water trough 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 danger of infection could be reduced to a minimum if the city au-thorities would compel the owners of the

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By Ellis Parker Butler Author of Pigs is Pigs Etc. ILLUSTRATED BY PETER NEWELL

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