

*Swain
his cousin*

A small contractor, whose business consists chiefly in repainting apartments for agents of buildings, told me that his men make it a point to get about three-quarters of a ceiling done by five o'clock, and then demand double time for finishing it. It must either be finished or the whole thing done over the next morning, as it is impossible to match the work if it is done in two sections.

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An Ad. appeared in the World last week, calling for bricklayers to go to Pontiac, and offering them the privilege of working Saturday afternoon and Sundays. The explanation given for this was that, during a strike in Chicago, a great many Chicago bricklayers went to this Pontiac operation, which is very large and can use more bricklayers than Chicago and the vicinity can furnish. The Chicago men threatened to go back unless they were given double time for overtime, Saturday afternoons and Sundays. As the contractors had to have the men, they acceded to these terms, and of course had to offer them to New York men in the Ad. which appeared in the World. They also offered to pay their fare both ways and their board in Pontiac, and either \$8 or \$8.50 a day. (8 hours)

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Another instance: My cousin teaches defectives in a certain

school in Newark. She met one of her former pupils on the street last week and asked her why she wasn't working. The girl said she was on strike. My cousin said, "Who told you to strike?"

"The President" (of the union)

"What are you striking for?"

"We're only getting \$21. a week, and he say if we hold out we get \$25."

My cousin's salary, if spread over 52 weeks instead of 40, amounts to \$21.15. a week--15¢ a week more than the present wage of one of her feeble minded pupils of last year.