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I will be located in Boone by June the first, 1907, prepared to do all kinds of watch and clock repairing on short notice. My work is all guaranteed and no work is charged for unless satisfactory to the owner. Bring me your work and I will give you a first-class job. Office up stairs in Critcher brick row. SHAS M. ORBINE, Jeweler.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

At last it has been settled that the battle-ship squadron is to be sent to the Pacific Coast. This decision has been announced officially by the Navy Department and it is a little curious to see that on the very day of the announcement in Washington, Secretary Loeb at Oyster Bay was giving out an authoritative statement that no such move was contemplated. Now of course the government would not keep so important a person as Secretary Loeb in ignorance of its intentions; and there is but one inference to be drawn from the incident, namely, that it was a misstatement that might have been characterized by a shorter and uglier word.

If Secretary Loeb does not look out he will get himself into the same class with Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon, one-time partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York. Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, is a very wealthy and fashionable young man and is just the sort of an understudy that Secretary Root wants to take visiting princes and other notables off his hands. But as a source of misinformation as to the things that are going on in the State Department he has not heretofore been equalled. He it was who gave out the famous statement just after the Jamaican earthquake that there was no friction between Admiral Davis and Governor Sweetenham. The same issues of the papers that printed his statements had all the correspondence of Admiral Davis and Governor Sweetenham in an adjoining column. Also the day news was received of the killing of the Japanese seal poachers on the Island of St. Paul, Mr. Bacon announced to all callers that the report was entirely unfounded although the telegram bearing the information had just been sent to him by the Department of Commerce and Labor where the news was first received. Mr. Bacon also announced three days ago that the story of sending the battle ship squadron to the Pacific was a complete fabrication. If Secretary Loeb is starting in to emulate this record, he is electing to travel in swift company.

The journey of the battleships from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be the greatest naval movement ever attempted by this government and only equalled by the ill-fated fleet that Russia sent to Japanese waters two years ago. The English squadron in their war games around the British Isles, sometimes brings into play more ships, but for the size of the ships and the length of the voyage, the movement has never been surpassed. There was actually more ships in Rogensvinsky's squadron when he went from the Baltic to the Sea of Japan, but the squadron went in two sections, took an inordinately long time making the voyage, and was not the equal of the American fleet in fighting power at any time.

The question of a route for the squadron has been discussed by the Naval Board at some length and a decision has been made in favor of Cape Horn. The route through the Suez Canal is about 1,000 miles longer than the trip around the Horn and besides this it would bring the squadron almost into Japanese waters and would look a little too much like a studied defiance of the Japanese public. Indeed speaking guardedly, that is what it is and the Japanese government so understands and acquiesces in the wisdom of the move. It is an indication to the people of the Pacific

coast what this government can and will do in the way of protecting its interests should it become necessary; and it is an object lesson that the Japanese jingo party can watch from a distance and ponder on.

For the first time in the history of the Navy, there has been a "hunger strike." This sounds almost like Russia where the jail prisoners sometimes indulge in this sort of a demonstration. But in the present instance, it is among the cadets of the training ship Enterprise at New London. A lot of cadets went ashore on liberty and while there they drew up a round robin and sent it to the commander on board complaining of the fare that was served them and of some other minor matters of discipline. There was no notice taken of their protest and they sent two of their number out to the ship in a small boat to see what was being done. The commander curtly sent them word that they could stay on shore or come back to the ship just as they had a mind, but the most of them seemed to think that coming back would mean their arrest and no good done by the strike, so they stayed on shore all night. It is fairly possible that the Navy Department may look very unfavorably on this breach of discipline and there may be some vacancies in the academy before the classes reassemble for their winter studies.

The Postoffice Department this week promulgated an order that will be a decided convenience to the country population. It provides simply for the transmission of special delivery letters by paying excess postage on them without the necessity of a regular special delivery stamp. Frequent small stores and postoffices, especially in the country, may not have any of the regulation blue special stamp on hand. But the new order provides that if ten cents worth of stamps of any sort in addition to the regular letter fee are put on the envelope and then marked "special delivery" the letter will be handled just as though it carried the regulation blue stamp. Those who avail themselves of this privilege will have to remember, however, that the words "Special Delivery" must be written on the envelope otherwise the surplus stamps will be wasted and the letter handled in the ordinary mail.

An appeal was made to the War Department this week to send troops from the nearest point in Alaska to the railroad camp near Valdez where two rival railroad outfits are fighting. One of them is a firm by the name of Brunen and the other is a party in the employ of the Guggenheims, they of Smelter Trust fame. The Guggenheims went to cross the line of the Brunen road and they have already had a fight in which two men were killed and nine seriously wounded. If it were in a civilized community the trouble would be quickly put down, but in the wilds of Alaska all the lawless impulses of trust training can have full sway and the chances are that the government will have to step in before a stop can be put to the slaughter.

He Fired the Stick

No greater mistake can be made than to consider lightly the evidences of disease in your system. Don't take desperate chances on ordinary medicines. Use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. M. B. Blackburn and Blowing Rock Drug Co.

If gray hairs were a sign of wisdom fewer men would have them.

A Scythe His Memorial.

New York Tribune.
When the territory about Waterloo, in this State, was sparsely settled the principal industry was the hewing of timber from the forest along the Seneca Canal. At a point known as Log Landing, midway between Geneva and Waterloo, the woodchoppers were wont to gather and tell their story of early Indian fights, and here young Hyman Johnson, a farmer boy, first learned of the impending disaster to the Union if the Southern states were allowed to withdraw from their early affiliation. It seemed war was imminent and speculation was rife as to the time when the actual hostilities would begin.

One day in 1861 Johnson, who was twenty years old, was mowing a lot on the farm. A neighbor drove up bearing the tidings that the call to arms had been sounded. Without hesitation the youth walked to the house and placed his scythe in the croch of a young Balm in Gilead tree. His mother asked him what the matter was, and he said:

"Mother, Lincoln needs men. I am going to war."

"What, Hyman? You, my son, going to enlist?"

"Yes, but do not fear any harm will come to me. The war will be over in a month. The Southerners cannot face the troops of the North for more than that time. When I return I will mow the rest of the lot. Leave my scythe in the tree until I return."

His regiment marched to the front to the stirring martial music, and was often in the fighting line. The mother, true to the words of her boy, left the scythe as it had been placed. Johnson came home a year later on a furlough, and laughed at the almost forgotten incident of the implement and its position.

He inspired hope in the hearts of those who thought of nothing else than his safe return by saying: "I will yet be back to mow that lot."

Soon after returning he was captured in a skirmish and became a prisoner, escape was impossible. Disease laid hold upon him and he died surrounded by enemies. He was buried in an unknown grave with hundreds of his comrades.

Meanwhile the tree grew apace and the blade became partially imbedded in the trunk of the tree. The handle rotted away, but the steel remained fixed in the wood.

A general proclamation was issued from the White House declaring one day should be set apart as a time for memory of those who had fallen while defending their country. It was the first Memorial Day. Word of the proclamation was carried to Mrs. Johnson, but she had no grave to decorate. She fain would strew a few flowers upon the spot where in her boy lay, but its location must ever remain a mystery. Kneeling in the garden, she offered a short prayer. Then she plucked a few lilies from the plot she tended daily, and making a wreath, she bore it to the tree which gave such a grim reminder of her sacrifice to her country. With a caress she reached up and hung the wreath upon the scythe point.

Memorial Day has long become an established anniversary. Many years have passed since Mrs. Johnson was laid to rest in the village cemetery. The old home, as it stood in the day of the Civil War, is exactly as it was then, but is occupied by another family. Thomas Buck and those gathered about his fireplace tell of the hanging of the scythe by scores

of eager listeners each year.

Of the Johnson family a brother's widow and her children are left. Every year, early in the morning of Memorial Day, the remnant of the family gathers beneath the scythe and places thereupon a wreath of evergreen and a tiny American flag. Within a few feet modern methods have constructed a trolley line. Hundreds carried by the cars gaze upon the tree, the scythe, the wreath and the flag and ask to be told the story of the brave young soldier.

Remarkable Rescue.

That truth is stranger than fiction has once more been demonstrated in the little town of Fedora, Tenn., the residence of C. V. Pepper. He writes: "I was in bed, entirely disabled with hemorrhages of the lungs and throat. Doctors failed to help me, and all hope had fled when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Then instant relief came. The coughing soon ceased; the bleeding diminished rapidly, and in three weeks I was able to go to work." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, 50c. and \$1 at all Druggists. Trial Bottle free.

From Governor Hoke Smith's inaugural address he would seem to be the most available candidate the South has offered for the Presidency. There was never before such an outpouring of the people in Georgia as upon the occasion of his inauguration, for the voters evidently have implicit confidence that he will do what he promises.

The Magic No. 3.

Number three is a wonderful mascot for Geo. H. Parris, of Cedar Grove, Me., according to a letter which reads: "After suffering much with liver and kidney trouble and becoming greatly discouraged by the failure to find relief, I tried Electric Bitters, and as a result I am a well man today. The first bottle relieved and three bottles completed the cure." Guaranteed best remedy for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. For sale by all druggists, 50c.

"Wave the big club and holler like a Comanche; but don't hit the octopus. He's our pal. Don't hurt him. That is a play not a duel." So says Root to Teddy. And Teddy plays and hollers, while John Temple Graves and the other political urchins wildly applaud. Is it a comedy or a tragedy?

"I have fixed the walking-stick I've carried over 40 years on account of a sore that resisted every kind of treatment until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; that has healed the sore and made me a happy man," writes John Garrett, of North Mills N. C. Guaranteed for Piles, Burns, etc., by all druggists, 25c.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: On Tuesday night of last week, between 9 and 10 o'clock a phenomenon of nature not frequently seen, was displayed. It was a plainly defined rainbow in the north west. It was just after a thunder shower had passed over, and the full moon was some two hours high. The bow was plainly defined and every color reflected, but it was softer, mellow and more weird than when reflected from the bright sun. It was a sight but seldom seen and abundantly proved Solomon's words, that the heavens declare the glory of God.

You can't tell a woman's age after she takes Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Her complexion is fine. She is round plump, and handsome; in fact she is young again. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. M. B. Blackburn and Blowing Rock Drug Co.

When the Hair Falls

Stop it! And why not? Falling hair is a disease, a regular disease; and Ayer's Hair Vigor, as made from our new improved formula, quickly and completely destroys that disease. The hair stops falling out, grows more rapidly, and all dandruff disappears.

Does not change the color of the hair.
Formula with each bottle. Show it to your doctor. Ask him about it, then do as he says.

Ayer's
The little book in each package gives the formula of our new Hair Vigor, tells why each ingredient is used, and explains many other interesting things. After reading you will know why this new hair preparation does its work so well. Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

It seems that sending all our battle ships to the Pacific would be intended to force Congress to vote enough money to build another fleet for the Atlantic.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a Home of Swamp-Root pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonials received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

There is no insult to a girl who wants to be called pretty to equal the one of saying she has real sweet nature.

John D. Rockefeller does not talk like a man who expects the trusts to be busted, for he declared in Chicago that the present trust prosperity will continue.



We have many actual photographs of cotton fields on which no fertilizers were used and pictures of fields on which "other makes" of fertilizers were used. Results of these crops were dismal failures. There are much "brighter prospects" ahead for the progressive farmers of the South. Two and three times to the acre are only ordinary yields where

Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers are used with proper cultivation. Make your cotton mature early, and thus escape the boll weevils and other damaging insects. You can easily do this, as well as increase the number of bolls (and their size) on your plants by plentifully using Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers. This method will tremendously increase your yields per acre. Don't be fooled into buying a substitute. Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Va., Durham, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Baltimore, Md., Atlanta, Ga., Savannah, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Shreveport, La.