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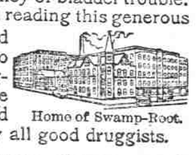
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### Will Sail in a Red Wood Tree.

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2nd. Being a storehouse and lot on North Court Square, now occupied by C. F. Ray as bookstore and photograph gallery and belonging to the estate of Mrs. Maria Cocke, Jr., for the taxes due by her, on the farm sold to G. W. Vanderbilt, for the year 1892. Amount still due ($219.00) two hundred and nineteen dollars.

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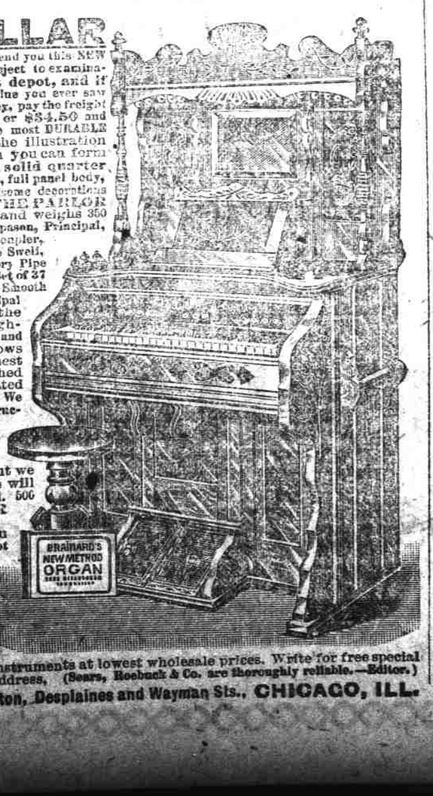


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Of all the races peopling this mundane sphere not one has such an extraordinary spirit of imitation as that which inhabits the Philippine islands. This race of people of Malay orign, which occupies all the archipelago of the Celebas sea, lacks the esthetic fine taste necessary for the proper combination of colors, constructive ability, uniformity in architectural designs and the good taste which is required for the culture and advancement of a people. They have no ideas of this kind of their own, and in all matters of taste do nothing more than what they see in races of the west.

Anyone who has observed the Filipinos will have noticed that they have no ideas at all in regard to the proper combination of colors in their wearing apparel, as, in spite of their dusky complexions they select in their clothing the colors which are least suitable to them. You will see Indian girls and half breeds as brown as berries using in their dresses and scarfs such colors as blue, green, yellow, brown and black. A woman of dusky complexion with a dress of any of these colors presents an appearance that is hideous in the extreme. It is not uncommon to see dark-skinned Indian girls dressed in such bright greens that if they should encounter a carabao they are liable to be eaten by that festive animal on account of their similarity to a bunch of hay.

The reason why these people cut this ridiculous figure is that they see these bright colors on European women, and, without thinking of the effect which on account of their different complexion such hues are liable to produce, readily adopt them and consider themselves the most elegant of the elegant.

No sooner does a new fashion arrive from Paris, Vienna or Berlin in shoes, trousers, hats, shirts or neckwear, no matter how extravagant, than the Indian and the half-breed immediately adopt it.

The American troops had been in Manila only a few days with their brown suits before the stores on the Escolta were besieged by natives and half-breeds buying all the brown cloth obtainable, wool, cotton or silk, and in a few days they were all arrayed in suits of the same color as those worn by the army of occupation. They noticed the hats of straw or felt with a blue polka dot band, and in a few days all the Indians and half-breeds were wearing the same kind of hats as the Americans.

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During the last three months what is pronounced by experts the most remarkable piece of electrical engineering in the country has been accomplished, after three years of labor and six hundred thousand dollars expended in the enterprise; that is, the Santa Ana River, which comes out of the San Bernardino Mountains, has been bridled, and its power is now transmitted to Los Angeles, some eighty-two miles distant. In a word, 9,000 horse power is made to propel machinery, move street cars and illuminate and even heat buildings in Los Angeles, besides furnishing illumination and power for several villages—as Redlands, Riverside, Colton and Ontario—beween the mountains, and the engineers seem to agree that the most remarkable feature in this development of the power on the Santa Ana River is the transmission of electricity of a high voltage over eighty miles of wire with so little loss of energy, the company finding, in fact, that it can send electricity of 30,000 volts, having a working efficiency of 4,000 horse power a distance of eight-three miles with a loss of but ten per cent.. After doing its work in the production of electrical energy, the mountain stream is gathered into a conduit and led down the mountain side to irrigate the orchards and groves in San Bernardino valley.

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### VIRTUES IN TOBACCO.

**Ill Effects of the Weed Produce Some Mollifying Circumstances.**

Whatever the ill effects of tobacco when used to excess, in moderation it acts on an adult as a mild sedative, says the New York Herald. It is claimed that after the thirtieth year its use prolongs life and preserves the mind, by lessening the bodily functions of waste and repair.

Experts say that for smoking tobacco is one of the least injurious substances known. Compared with other well known vegetable substances used for the same purpose, tobacco is mild. Opium, without doubt, is most fearful in its effects, for the drunkenness it produces ultimately unbalances the mind. Next to opium in power are certain kinds of grasses, notable among which is hemp, which causes intoxication and anaesthesia. There is evidence to show that the ancient Aztecs made their victims inhale the fumes from smoking grasses, after which the intoxicated prisoners went peacefully to the altar to be sacrificed to Quetzacoatl (sun god). Grape leaves, which are smoked in some parts of western Pennsylvania, are in some ways almost as powerful as opium, and legislation has been undertaken against their use. Both cubebs and corn silk inflame the mucous membrane and upset the digestive function. None of these evils result from the moderate use of tobacco. Hygienically strong tobacco is better than mild, for in smoke from the mild varieties the tiny particles are far more numerous and tend to dry up the blood by absorbing large quantities of moisture from the mouth and lungs.

Connoisseurs of tobacco believe that in the near future low prices for good cigars will effect the extinction of domestic skunk cabbage varieties. With the advent of American colonies in the East and West Indies and reduced prices on their products some dealers expect to see fine cigars selling at two and three cents apiece. Already several importing houses have begun to advertise greatly reduced prices on Porto Rican tobacco, as a direct result of the war. Several shipments of Manila tobacco and cigars are already on their way from the Philippines, and will be rushed into the market in a few weeks. On account of its high flavor and low price Philippine tobacco is expected to come into popular favor the instant it is put on sale in the ordinary retail cigar store.

Before the war our tobacco importations amounted to many millions of dollars annually, and economists prophesy that from a purely financial point of view the national policy of expansion will be vindicated by the resulting boom in the tobacco trade.

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