

General Frederick Funston.

Funston left the Kansas farm in his teens, where his father's household was established. He went to Mexico. There he picked up Spanish. He entered the Kansas State University in his early twenties, alternating annually the pursuit of knowledge with the pursuit of dollars—first as a Santa Fe train-collector, then as a Kansas City newspaper reporter, and later as a government botanical explorer in the Dakotas and in Montana, and finally in the terrible Death Valley of southern California.

In the Cuban army he rose from lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel and chief of artillery, under Garcia. Funston fired the first dynamite-gun ever used in actual war, with only the printed directions of the gun-makers to guide him. At that time he did not know as much about artillery as he did about a sulky-plough, but he made what a boy calls a "stab" at it; and when a chunk of Spanish fortification caved in Funston was happy, and went on making ruins with his new toy. After he was appointed Colonel of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteers by Governor Leedy, of Kansas, Funston was called to Tampa to consult with General Miles about the topography of certain parts of Cuba. Funston would not wear his colonel's uniform at Tampa; he went about in the linen clothes of a civilian. When some one asked why he did not put on his uniform, he replied: "Now I'd look pretty, wouldn't I, trotting up and down in a colonel's rig, when all around here are sure-enough soldiers—men who have fought their way up from the line in the regular army, who have been in the civil war and in a score of Indian wars, who have the right to wear only a captain's or at most a major's uniform! Wouldn't I be a daisy, letting men like that salute me in my tin-soldier clothes? Well, I guess not—not without stimulants, anyhow!" So he scampered about in his unadorned clothes, and jeered at what he called the livery-stable brigadiers who did not know fours right from balance all. Funston did not know very much about the fine points of the art of war, but he was candid and acknowledged his ignorance. When the regular-army men at Tampa began to question him about his range with the artillery Funston told them, with a boyish innocence too sweet to poison with military science, that he pulled his guns up within four or five hundred yards of his mark before firing. Whereat the army men laughed quietly, winked at one another, and listened dubiously thereafter. Later, when some Spanish officers were taken prisoners at Santiago they told in horror of a "little damn tool American," fighting under Garcia the year before, who poked the nose of his gun so close to the Spanish fortifications that his powder burned their eye-brows. Then the American regular-army men remembered Funston, and laughed again.

When Funston joined his Kansas regiment in San Francisco he put his best bib and tucker on and went to school to his majors. He devoted his time to keeping the camp clean. When the Kansas boys dressed up they immediately took rank with the best regiments in the camp. Their sick list was the smallest in the division; they drilled like machines; came to love their colonel so that when he anointed them with the vials of his fluent wrath they were ecstatic in their happiness. He made speeches to them that were not in the regulations. "I have noticed," he said to the regiment one day in August, "that you boys are getting sloppy in your manners. When you meet a superior officer you kind of brush a fly from your ear and go on. Now hereafter you just stop brushing flies and salute."—Harper's Weekly.

The Whipping Post.

The whipping post has not gone forever! It is possible that it will become necessary to restore this time-honored institution, the abolition of which caused all criminals to rejoice, and to again enforce obedience to law by the method that some of our modern apostles of civilization would have us believe is barbarous. This sentiment is not confined to "illiterate" North Carolina either, for the great enlightened state of New York is agitating the restoration of the whipping post for wife-beaters, and the Asheville citizen truly says that "it will stop other crimes as well as this one, and should be adopted. A good whipping, humanely but soundly administered, will stop petty stealing more effectually than all the chain gangs ever provided." No, the whipping post is not "gone for good."—Shelby Star.

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The Value of Good Roads.

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No sooner has one's life work been mapped out than preparation should be made to meet its requirements. The youth should go into training as he would for a day of field sports; he should practice with the assiduity of an athlete trying to develop special command of his muscles. Mechanical or artistic work, commercial life, or the professions—whatever is to be undertaken—will require skill of a special kind in addition to natural talent if one is to distinguish himself above his fellows in the chosen calling. And that skill can be obtained only by incessant practice and training such as develops the record-making sportsman or the acrobat who is deemed fit to present before the public in a circus performance. This should be the thought of the young man who is at school and for whom, perhaps, parents or other relatives are making great sacrifices. The purpose of sending him to school is not to get him through somehow and provide him with a certificate or a diploma; the purpose is to have him trained so that mind and muscle shall be obedient to his will and respond promptly to the demands made upon them. And he should take the utmost advantage of his opportunities that he may become as highly skilled in some useful and honored calling as is the man who wins the plaudits of the multitude by some exhibition of skill that has no higher object than that of amusing the idle and the curious.

An Apt Reply.

Max O'Rell relates that while he was teaching in an English school a lady wrote to the head master: "Dear Sir: It is our intention to place our boy under your care, but before we do so we would like to know what the social standard of your school is."

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The Rural Editor's Complaint.

Away down in Mississippi, in the piney woods region, we should say, the rural editor pours out to his delinquent subscribers this cunning but passionate complaint:

"Fish down into your pocket and dig up dust; the editor is hungry and the paper 'bout to bust. We've trusted you for several months, and did it with a smile, so just return the compliment and trust us for awhile. Our wife she needs some stockings, and baby needs a dress; Jimmy needs some breeches, and so does Kate and Bess. Pud is on the hog train, and Peggy sick with grief, and good gosh almighty, can't you give a man relief? Shell out those nickels and turn loose the dimes; turn 'em loose and whistle and we'll have better times; there will be fewer patches on the bosom of our pants, and we'd make the paper better if we had half a chance. Don't give us that old story, long gone to seed, 'bout taking more family papers than the family want to read; but help to feed the printer, and he'll help our town to grow, and thus escape the sulphur in the regions down below."

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Religious Statistics of 1898.

There are seven great Protestant families in these United States. These in number of communicants, according to the returns of last year, stand as follows: Methodists, 5,735,898; Baptists, 4,157,400; Lutherans, 1,507,466; Presbyterians, 1,490,162; Disciples of Christ, 1,051,079; Protestant Episcopalians, 667,503; Congregationalists, 630,000.

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Kitchener's Empire.

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A duty of 20 per cent. will be levied on certain exports, as gum arabic, etc., for revenue purposes. The Sudan are now paying taxes as willingly as taxes are ever paid, the rate being much less than the Khalifa exacted, the amount being fixed and the time of payment adapted to the popular convenience. Under the old regime of the Mahdists the tax was variable, according to the needs or caprice of the taxgatherer, amounting in extreme cases to 100 per cent. Vast regions were depopulated by the merciless exactions of the greedy Baggaras.

Lord Kitchener legislates by decree. He is a sort of English Czar, having no parliament to "ease" him and no cabinet to consult. Whatever he says goes throughout the wide Sudan, the sole restraint upon him being the necessity of reporting to Lord Cromer and the Queen, who will see to it that he does not transgress the limits of Anglo-Saxon legislative propriety.

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More Information.

Tommy—Paw, what do they put water in stocks for?
Mr. Figg—To soak the investors with, my son.—Indianapolis Journal.

TAKING THE CITADEL.

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