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THE WAR WITH SPAIN.

The war with Spain gave Englishmen the first good opportunity they had to show more than lip interest...

AUGUSTUS H. GARLAND.

The sudden death of Hon. A. H. Garland in Washington, Thursday, was a shock to his numerous friends...

THE SLIP READERS.

Alert men who live by the misfortunes of others. They are always on the lookout for police headquarters...

THACKERAY'S BIRTHPLACE.

Sir William Thackeray's book on "The Thackerays in India" calls out in the Athenaeum from W. F. Pridgen an interesting letter...

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ENGLAND'S CATSPAW.

In an article published in the North American Review for this month, opposing expansion, Andrew Carnegie refers to the United States as "England's catspaw,"...

When we have done that, we must keep a naval force on that side to protect these possessions, and no insignificant naval force, either, for it must be strong enough to cope with other powers, and that means that we must necessarily become an ally of Great Britain and a supporter of her schemes in the East, which further means that we must take a hand not only in the politics of that side of the earth, but also in its wars.

A pretty strong hint of this is given in the following extract from a speech by the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Queen's Council of Ministers (pretty high authority) recently at the annual banquet of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce: It reads:

"We have come to feel with the Americans that ties of friendship and common sentiment, equally with ties of common interest, bind us to a common policy in the world. Alone among the nations of the world, we are viewed with active sympathy by the prospect of the entrance of the United States upon a more active part in the politics of the world, feeling, as we do, that the aims and objects which will animate the future of the United States will not be dissimilar to our own, that the interests of the United States will mainly, if not wholly, coincide with ours and those of our colonies, and that the sympathy so deeply felt and so strongly expressed on our part has made the responsibility to us rest on the other side of the Atlantic."

It doesn't require any extraordinary penetration to see through this. If America walks into the trap, catches on to annexation, and plants the flag to stay in the Philippines, the English planners will have accomplished their purposes, have secured an ally that they can use to their advantage, and we blindly become Mr. Carnegie expresses it, "England's catspaw"—not a very creditable role for the United States to play.

MORE BUTLER BUNCOMBE. Senator Butler is heavy on buncombe. That's what inspired his proposed amendment to the pension act, providing for pensions for Confederate soldiers. It didn't strike the responsive chord he thought it would and therefore he withdrew it, but before doing so took advantage of the opportunity to make another buncombe speech in which he threshed straw thirty-five years old which had been threshed clean many a time before Mr. Butler dreamed of warming a seat in the U. S. Senate.

In this speech he simply repeated truths that he had asserted time and again by representative men from the South on both floors of Congress, and when he was doing so he was merely chewing the air and talking to no purpose. He was not vindictive the South for the South having been vindicated by his own men and much more respectable authority needed no vindication at his hands, and he was discharged simply posing as a self-constituted vindicator, and time killed by resuming the agitation of a question which a generation ago, when he was hunting birds with slingshots and not men with guns, was settled by the logic of events if not by the logic of justice. If Mr. Butler had reached his maturity then it might have been different, but he hadn't and therefore it is rather out of date for him to be indulging in his belated oratory now. A little buncombe is tolerable occasionally; the trouble with men of Mr. Butler's calibre is that they bank too much on it, and make us tired.

ADULTERATED FOODS.

The North Carolina Experiment station is pursuing investigations and making analyses of various articles of food sold in this State to ascertain the extent to which adulteration is practiced, and according to its reports there are very few articles that are not adulterated more or less, especially so of the lower grades and cheaper articles, adulteration being one of the cheapening means adopted. Some of these, although fraudulent, are not harmful. Such, for instance, as wheat flour, when it is adulterated with ground clay or stone, as is often the case in some States if not in this, is quite an innocent matter. Ground coffee mixed with pea, or parched barley or oats, doesn't hurt anybody, but when mixed with other ingredients, steeped in preparations to give them more of a coffee flavor, it is quite another thing.

And so on with a large number of food articles used in our households; if they are not absolutely injurious they are at least gross frauds upon the purchasers, who think they are purchasing one thing and being taken in with another.

The cruelest thing about this is that the poor are the greatest sufferers, because the poor are compelled to buy the cheaper, or most commonly adulterated articles, while the wealthy or well-to-do may purchase the highest and least adulterated grades. But how the people are to be protected from these frauds is not so clear. There are few States that have not stringent laws against adulteration, but still it seems to be universally carried on.

BRIBING LEGISLATURES. We referred a couple days ago to the scandals developments in the contests over United States Senatorships, as strongly supporting the demand for the election of Senators by a popular vote. The rumpus was ended in the West Virginia Legislature a few days ago by unseating Democrats enough in one House to give the Republican candidate, who, we are told, is "a very rich man" the two votes he needed to elect him.

An investigation of bribery and corruption charges is now going on in California, where the finding is that there has been bribery by both sides, but that there is not positive proof enough to warrant an indictment by the grand jury. Men who do that kind of business are generally smart enough to do it through tools and in a roundabout way that they can't be reached by law. The trouble in California seems to have been that the bribes by neither side were large enough or numerous enough, and consequently there has been no choice and no probability of one at this session. The solons who were holding out for higher bids have, apparently, at least, been knocked out by these exposures.

Mr. Montana capped the climax of gaudy when one of the Senators arose (Thursday) and held up awad of \$30,000 which had been given to members for their votes, but who wouldn't stay bought and turned the money in. This is almost incredible; not that so much money should have been thus invested, but that the solons turned it in and didn't hold on to it. But perhaps the discovery that these bribes were paid had a good deal to do with shucking out the money. This isn't the first time this was done, but it is the first time we remember of so much money having been in the way.

These scandalous methods of electing Senators are not calculated to largely increase popular respect for that august body known as the Senate of the United States.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of a gripe. During the epidemic of a gripe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or gripe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for colds and a gripe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

THE SILENT SILENT. Greenville Reflector: There is getting to be much talk now of the establishment of a Dispensary, and as has already been announced, the movement is on foot to make application to the General Assembly to pass such a law for this country.

CLINTON DEMOCRAT: Mr. A. L. Williams of South Clinton, lost his barn by fire last Thursday night, including all his corn and wheat. The fire came in a shuck pen late at night and its origin is unknown.

AN INGENUOUS DEFENSE. An old darkey was brought before a southern magistrate not long ago accused of stealing a neighbor's chickens when the night was dark and no one was abroad. The old man put up a long but weak argument, seizing upon every possible stratagem to support his defense. The evidence was too strong, however, and the jury were rapidly approaching a climax that meant a month of idleness in the town jail. The thoughts of this old darkey attendant indignantly stirred the old darkey to a point where he did nothing but splutter out: "Pon my honor, judge, I ez— I ez didn't do take 'em."

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. Wholesale prices generally represent the price of the goods in the market. The quotations are always given as a possible, but the Star will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

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