A State Banquet Relie. Mrs. Harrison has made a number of most interesting discoveries within the past year in regard to pieces of furniture and articles used in the state dining room, the result of her researches having from time to time been noted through these columns.

The latest thing in this line, and decidedly one of more than usual interest to the public, is in regard to the gold bordered mirror lake which has figured as the central ornament at countless numbers of state banquets. All that has heretofore been known in regard to it was that it had been in use for this purpose far back in the early days of the Government when state banquets were of less frequent occurrence, though none the less ceremonial affairs, than those of the present day.

From papers containing uzdoubtedly reliable information it has now been ascertained that the long mirror, with its beautiful gilt bronze openwork railing, embelished with figures, was purchased in France by the United States Minister in accordance with an order to the effect from the first President of the Republic. Upon its arrival in this country the table ornament was taken to Philadelphia and first used by General Washington on the occasion of a great state banquet at the Presidential mansion in 1791 .- Washington Post.

Machine-Made Music.

Harp-playing by machinery is one of the latest novelties. The harp is artanged so that the plane of its strings is horizontal, the instrument lying on the table, after the fashion of a zither. Then, as regards the written music, the notation of the traditional stave has been abandoned, and sheets upon which are imprinted mysterious groups of numbers are used in its stead. When one of these sheets is slid into a frame made for the purpose the meaning of the figures is interpreted.

Each of them falls under a string of the instrument, and by picking at them in numerical order with a bevelled pencil of ivory the operator produces a tune. Time and phrasing are indicated by the spacing and alignment of the numbers, nor are the requirements of harmony torgotten.

When the melody of the air is adjudged insufficient one of the figures is accompanied by a letter, indicating that a button attached to the instrument, and bearing the same symbol, should be at this juncture pressed. This action, by bringing a small saw of ivory points into play, produces a cord suitable to the oc-

DYNAMITE. FREAKISH QUALITIES OF DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVE.

it Has an Obstinate Way of Taking Its Own Course - While It Kills a Man His Horses Are Unburt,

The recent nitro-glycerine or dynamite explosion in the offices of Russell Sage at New York aroused much interest in the Pennsylvania oil regions, which have without doubt, been the scene of more disasterous events of a similar character than any other section of the world. Many a Bradford man, says a correspondent of the New York Recorder, has been blown up while "shooting" or torpedoing oil wells, and professional handders of nitro-glycerine tell strange | accident, which was in some respects stories of the freaks performed by the dangerous explosive. As in the case of Russell Sage, one man has often escape 1 from an explosion alive when he seems to have no more chance of safety than others | .he big load on Haggerty's wagon and who were blown to atoms.

"It all depends on the direction the explosion takes," as James E. Gallagher, one of the best known authorities on dynamite and glycerine in the oil country, remarked to a crowd of producers. "One time the force of the explosion goes one way," Gallagher continued, "and again it takes the opposite course for no apparent reason. Do you re nember the strange incident when William H. Mc-Henry and Alexander Carmen, of Brad ford, were blown to mince meat at Alton. he scene warranted the opinion that Pa,, not long ago, and their horses escaped alive? It was a very remarkable Haggerty dropped a can near the wagon; affair. The men were unloading their that the wagen load of glycerine went off, wagon near the oil well they were to shoot, when in some manner the explosive was set off, and in the wink of an eye both men were literally torn to minute fragments and scattered to the winds of heaven.

"But although a round hole three feet deep and sixteen feet in diameter was torn in the earth at the spot where the the unfortunate men stood, the horses attached to the wagon were practically anhurt. It their fright they had started to run at the time of the explosion, but were held twenty feet from the spot by the harness which caught against a stump. They were dazed and listless and seemed to be deaf. But why did they escape annihilation, when their masters were not only killed, but as nearly destroyed as possible by the terrific explosion? Why, too, was it that several cans of nitro-glycerine standing near the horses were not exploded by the shock? Any man who answers these questions will have solved conundrums that have been puzzling handlers of dynamite and nitro glycerine for muny a year. "I lost a man myself at Olean, N. Y. several years ago," the big glycerine shooter continued, with just the fuintest quiver in his voice. "His name was Lew Hart, and he never knew what struck him. He was driving along the road in June, 1887, with a small load of nitroglycerine and had almost reached the factory where we were making glycerine and dynamite when in some manner that will never be known an explosion occurred. Hart was hurle I thirteen rods from the spot where the blow-up took place, a deep hole was blown in the road, and the wagon was literally demolished, but as in the explosion at Alton, the horses escaped comparatively uninjured and a few seconds later galloped up to the factory door where we stood wondering what had happened. If the blow-up had occurred a few seconds later I would not be spinning you this yarn now. "My theory concerning these strange occurrences is that in both the accidents] have mentioned the force of the explosion went away from the horses, that is, that the expansion of suldenly liberated gases was not in all directions at once, but that each explosion look a course of its own. The men were killed because they were in the very storm centre, so to speak, but the horses escaped because they were several feet away. There seems to be no good reason for such mani festations, but any experienced handler of dynamite or glycerine will confirm what I have said. "Some people think there is a great difference between nitro glycerine and dynamite," continued Gallagher, "but as a matter of fact dynamite is simply nitro-glycerine and wood pulp (which is only fine sawdust) mixed. Nitro-glycerine

of the business -a very violent shock has been known to have no effect. "Another peculiarity of nitro-glycer-

ine is that cold weather makes it peculiarly sensitive and most accidents happen in the winter time. Still another strange thing about the explosive is the fact that when a man is blown up there is no blood visible anywhere. In many explosions that I have investigated the heat was so intense that the life blood of the victims.

seemed to have been consumed. I be lieve, to that in explosions of unusual force, where a large quantity of nitroilycerine or dynamite has been touched iff, not only the blood but also much of he flesh of the men killed is burned up. This peculiarity was particularly marked ing commented upon by the oil reigion rewspapers at the time Doc. Haggerty was blown up at Pleasantville, Penn. This one of the most remarkable nitro-glycerne explosions in the history of the oil country, occurred about three years ago. Many tous of the explosive, including the contents of a well-filled magazine, went up in smoke and fire. The consussion of the explosion was heard thirty or forty miles. But what I wish to call your attention to is the fact that Haggery's body was so completely destroyed by he explosion that many people believed that he had not been killed at all, but had caused the blow-up for the purpose of covering his flight from the country. This theory was not generally accepted, and my idea is that he was totally innihilated. A careful study of

and that when the magazine followed an instant later, poor Haggerty's remains were caught in the intense heat generited by both explosions and every particle of him was either blown to nothingness or was burned up."

On Board a Buccaneer. The customs and regulations most

commonly observed on board a buccaneer are worth noting. Every pirate captain,

THE SOLDIER'S LOT.

IT IS NOT SO BAD AS IS GENERAL LY SUPPOSED.

He is Well Fed, Clothed, and Lodged -Able to Save Something-His Amusement -- Record of One Company.

The army is a better thing for the average man than is generally supposed. While the pay-\$13 a month-is small, it must be remembered that it is \$13 a month over and above all expenses for food, clothes, lodging, hospital attendance and education. The clothing allowance is so large, too, that every man is able save more or less of it according to the care he takes of his clothes, and some of them make a very considerable item of this. Whenever the

the enlisted man re-enlists he receives an increase of pay, and he has the opportunity of becoming through efficiency a non-commissioned officer, with a still greater increase of pay. Moreover, if he is ambitious and has orgets a fairly good education, he is afforded every help rather than hindered, as is popularly supposed, from becoming a commissioned officer.

The army is to the enlisted man home, an insurance company, and bank. The Government permits him to draw interest on any sum of money he may deposit, and it is a tolerably safe institution. If he is injured or used up through sickness, he is either nursed back to health or pensioned for life. If he grows old in the Government service he is retired on a pension precisely as an officer is. And after all, the work of a soldier is not particularly hard. That it is not a disagreeable one is attested by the fact that a great majority of the enlisted men, and necessarily the better ones, re-enlist and practically spend their whole lives in the army.

The happiness and comtort of the soldier depend principally upon the commanding officer of the company to which he may be assigned. The company is a family, and good company commanders

the company work. The company fund of ready money amounted, at times when the writer had charge of it, to several hundreds of dollars. The men had splendidly-equipped reading room and formed, altogether, an exceptional company.

The result of such a state of affairs was the gratifying fact that only one man deserted from the company in years, while all the time there were dozens of applications from men in other companies to be transferred to this one whenever a vacancy occurred in it. It is an actual fact that the men had better food and a greater variety of it than any officers at the different posts where it was stationed while the writer was with it; and it is doubtful whether any men of the same class in the country were half as comfortableand happy as those same men in that cavalry company .- New York Times.

A Human Cat.

Willie Smith, aged ten, of Hartford Cey, Ind., was two years ago bitten by a pet cat. Recently he has been subjected to peculiar paroxysms. Recently, while walking about the room, he was suddenly seized with an attack, and, with the agility and certainty of a cat, sprang upon the dining-room table and began to spit and scratch the wall and ceiling with all the viciousness of an enraged feline. Whenever persons would approach he would prepare to spring upon them. Finally, by throwing blankets over his head, he was subdued. Last night he had another paroxysm. He became totally oblivious to all around him except to an object attached to : string. He would lower it over the side of his face, and with the stealthiness of a cat he would gradually draw it upward until it would appear in view, then as quick as lightning he would pounce upon it and try to bite it. This he repeated several times. Then he would lick his hands and mew all the time. Every action, every move simulated a member of the feline family. After the paroxysm had in a measure subsided he curled himself up in bed as a cat would in preparing for a quiet nap, and, uttering the

Finger Tips of Idiots.

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Mrs. Cleaveland Tells of Her Cure of Nervous Dyspepsia

Mrs. A. B. Cleaveland, of Milford, Mass., is the sister of the Norcross Brothers, of Boston, the famous builders. In a long and interesting statement (which will be sent in full to any one who wishes it), Mrs. Cleaveland says that a few years ago she had a severe form of nervous dyspepsia, the symptoms being

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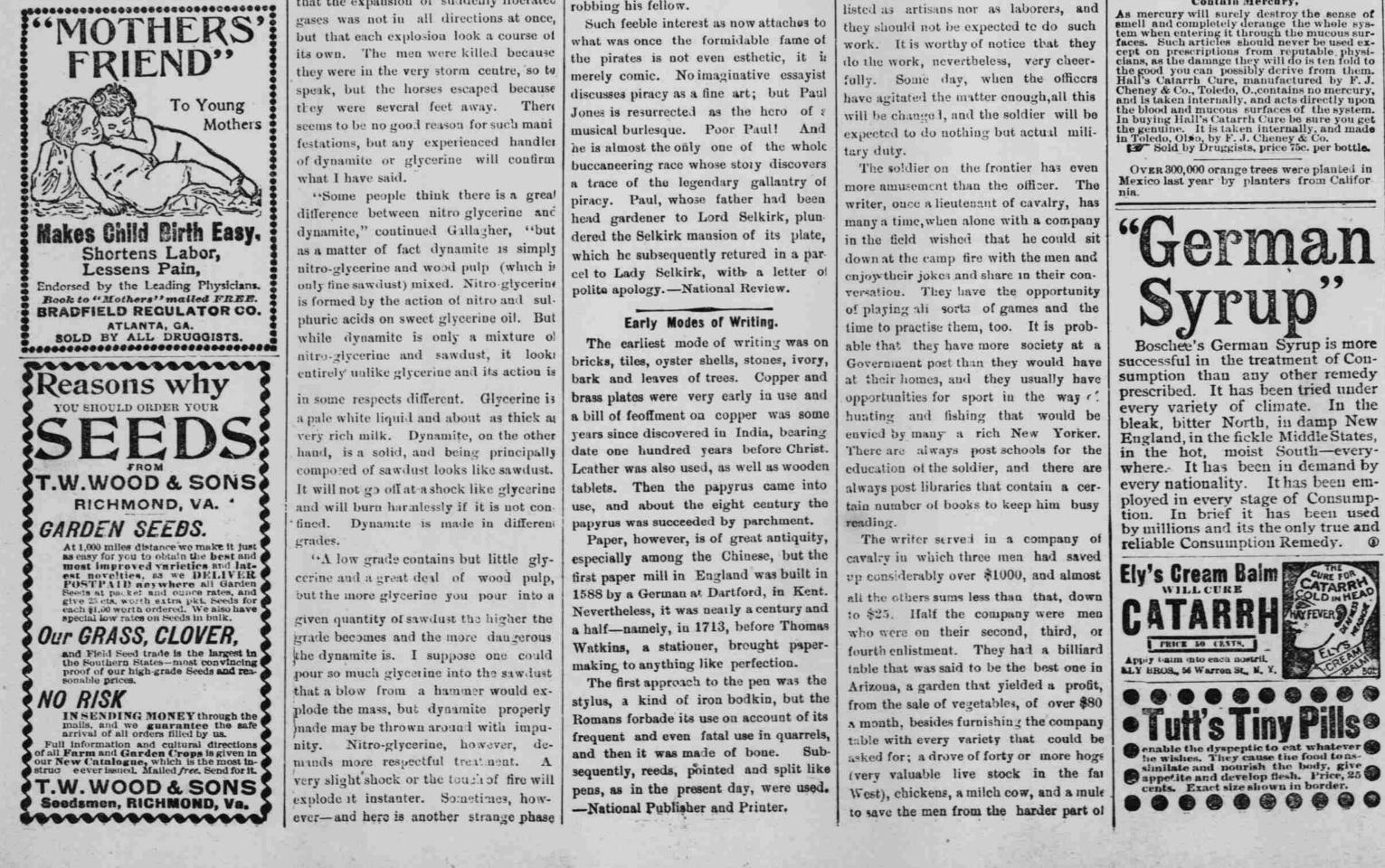
burning sensation in the stomach, fainting spells, and an awful death-like feeling from which she often thought she should never recover. She was tired and languid all the time and did not dare to lie down for fear of a fainting spell. She had six different physicians but none did her any good. One day, reading about Hood's Sarsaparilla she decided to try it. The fainting spells grew less, soon ceased wholly, her appetite returned, and has increased

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loubtless, had his own set of rules; bu there were certain traditional articles that seem to have been generally adopted. The captain had the state cabin, a double vote in elections, a double share in booty. On some vessels it was the captain who decided to what direction to sail in; but this and other matters of moment were oftener settled by a vote of the company, the captain's vote counting for two. The officers had a share and a half, or a share and a

juarter, of all the plunder, and the sailor's one share each. Booty was divided with scrupulous care and marooning was the penalty of attempting to defraud the general company if only to the amount of a gold piece or a dollar. Every man had a full vote in every affair of import-

Arms were always to be clean and fit or service, and desertion of the ship or uarters in battle was punished with leath. On Roberts's ship a man who was crippled in battle received \$800 out of the common stock, and a proportionite sum was awarded for lesser hurts Lowther allowed \$750 for the loss of a imb, and other captains instituted a sort of tariff of wounds which extended to ears, fingers and toes. In chase or battle the captain's power was absolute. H who first spied a sail, if she proved to be a prize, was entitled to the best pair of pistols on board her, over and above his dividend. These pistols were greatly coveted, and a pair would sell for as nuch as \$150 from one pirate to another. In their own commonwealth the pirates

are reported to have been severe upon the point of honor, and among Roberts's crew it was the practice to slit the ears or nose of any sailor found guilty of robbing his fellow.

so regard it. The average soldier is child from his very training. He must eat, sleep and work at a certain time named by another, and he is well fed and well clothed according to the ability of the captain or lieutenant who has charge of him. He cannot even buy a handkerchief without the permission of such an officer.

If a man be drafted into a good company there is no reason in the world why he should not enjoy life to the utmost. He will be furnished an abundance of good clothes and will be taught to take a pride in keeping them in good condition. He will be furnished with food, not only plentiful, but of the best quality

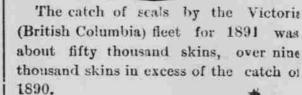
and of sufficient variety. Out of his small pay an English soldier has to pay for his vegetables and any extra meat he may have. Our soldiers get more than they can eat of everything that is furnished, and are permitted to trade the surplus off for any dainties from the commissary department that they may wish at Government contract price. Then, too, every company in the army has a compiny garden that supplies it with vegetables, and again the garden is success according to the efforts of the company commander. Then there are ways in which a company makes money to supply its mess with still greater dainties and its reading-room with literature, and often with billiard and pool tables.

Beyond keeping himself and his accoutrements clean, attending drills, and doing guard duty, the culisted man has to take his turn every three or four days doing the work of a laborer about the post. This is the crying shame of the army of to-day. The men are not en-

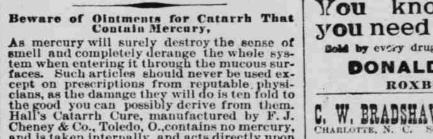
mew suggestive of kittens, went to sleep. This morning he is resting quietly and in the possession of all his faculties. He can remember nothing that occurred while laboring under these attacks. It is not hydrophobia, hysteria or epilepsy, for many of the symptoms are wanting. His temperature remains normal, pulse slightly accelerated or quickened, liver and kidneys active, appetite good, digestion perfect. During an interval between the paroxysms he is clear intellectually, bright and cheerful. Doctor Clouser, an old and reputable physician, says that in fifty years' practice he has seen nothing like the case.-St. Louis Republic.

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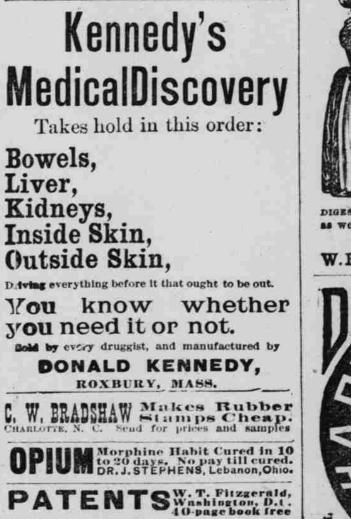


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