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America has been asked to poke her hand in the grab-bag in the contemplated division of China. And why should she not? She has as good an excuse for it as she had for buying the Philippines, and besides, it will come cheaper and we will not experience near so much trouble in getting possession. If we are committed to a land-grabbing policy there is no reason for turning a good thing down.—Durham Herald.

The Jacksonville Times-Union says the people of the south know best how to sympathize with the Cubans who have neither money nor credit, for they were left in that condition after Sherman's army had passed through on its victorious march. But the south had to fight its battles without Federal appropriations. Cuba will have to do the same thing. A nation that is composed of freemen will work out their own salvation in spite of obstacles.

The Chatham Citizen and Hickory Mercury, which call themselves Populist papers, publish the anti-amendment address issued by Chairman Holton (Republican) with commendation. The Fusion office-holders and office seekers have already arranged to fight next year together for negro rule in the hope of keeping or getting back their offices. But they can't deliver the voters. The white folks will avail themselves of the opportunity of voting white, even if it keeps pie-eaters out of office.

Hanna has made his last and boldest bid for a big corruption fund from the trusts. In his speech at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, speaking of the trusts, he said: "Those combinations of capital will survive the present prejudice which exists against them," which is equivalent to saying that the Republicans will not try to molest them. Next day the bank accounts of the trusts were at Hanna's disposal. He is the most open and notorious corruptionist and political leper American politics has known.

Earnings of Cyclists.

Some of the professional bicycle riders who devoted their attention to middle distance racing this season have earned more money than the racing men who followed the sprint events on the circuit. As a result of the National Cycling association promoting the greater number of meets, the riders affiliated with this association have fared the best. Harry Elkes holds a commanding lead in the middle distance race in America this year. After starting early in the spring and training for middle distance events exclusively he made a record of nine victories and one defeat. His prize earnings are in excess of \$4,000. Elkes had a very competent team of pacemakers and was forced to pay his pacing men large salaries, so that his earnings figure out much less than his prize winnings. In view of the complications in racing this season because of the struggle between the L. A. W. and the N. C. A., there were fewer big races run off than in previous years and smaller purses offered. Elkes' only defeat was administered by Tom Linton. He caught the American in poor condition and after his victory refused all sorts of inducements to again ride with Elkes. Next to Elkes, B. W. Pierce has the second best record of the season and is rated as winning \$2,500 in prizes. Charles W. Miller comes next with \$2,000 and Joseph Downey fourth with \$1,500. Frank Waller, who did not follow the big races regularly, won over \$1,200. If the plans outlined for next season mature, middle distance races will receive special attention.

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She Upheld Her Dignity.
Some of the colored folks are bound to maintain their dignity. One of these ladies was employed by a wealthy Louisvillian who swore by the whole sale. Economy was no object to him when it came to cuss words, and he scattered these pearls of speech over all subjects. The cook was a past grand mistress of her art. She knew what she knew and could turn out dreams from the skillet and oven, but she had ideas of her own dignity.

"One mawnin'," said she, "I done cook a elegant brekfuss. Dere wuz chickin an 'taters an beat blskit an coffee an muffns, an dat man he come down stairs, an he do talk scand'lous. I lissen an I lissen. He cuss dis an he cuss dat, an he mumb'l' to hisself, an I jes' couldn' stan' hit. I marches out, an I says, 'Sah, ef you don't lik' dis hyar cookin, say so, an I goes, but I ain't gwine hear you cuss me an my wuk.'

"'Hyar, gal,' says he. 'I likes dis cookin. Wot you mean bossin me when I cusses to my own wife?'

"'Dat's all ri', I says m'ity brash, 'but you don't cuss me er I goes.'

"'An sence den,' declared the colored upholder of her rights and dignity, 'ole marse jes' stuck on my cookin, an I see de only pusson on de lot he neber cusses.'

The old man is right. When you get a good cook, grapple her to you with hooks of steel, even if you have to leave off swearing.—Louisville Times.

Smelling the Glass.

Bartenders who pride themselves on their mixed drinks have a habit of smelling of the empty glass as soon as the customer has drained it. In this way they can tell to a dot whether they "hit it right" or not. I have not seen the bartender who can make two drinks alike, and none is ever certain that he has guessed rightly the proportions of liquor and its disguises until after the olfactory test. "Fred, this isn't quite up to the mark," says Tossopot, who drinks every drop. "That so?" smelling of the glass. "You're right. Not enough curacao. Let me make you another."

The worst tolltale is the beer glass. Not one-tenth of the beer sold over the bar or in cases is fit for a dog to drink. If you are fond of a glass and it does not lie easily on the stomach, if there is an unpleasant after effect, a disagreeable taste in the mouth or a sudden disinclination to drink further, smell of the emptied glass, and the chances are that you will conclude you have been putting part of a cow lot inside of you. You will resolve never to touch that beer again, where-in you will be wise.

The same test may be applied to whiskies, wines and liqueurs, gins, rums, brandies and cordials. Many a man would save his breath and his stomach by employing his function of smell after the first drink. It is the surest prohibition I know.—New York Press.

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