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Toys! Toys! Toys!

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A Captured Flag.

Adjutant General A. D. Ayling, of New Hampshire, writes Adjutant General Cowles that Mrs. Persis F. Chase, sister of Col. Edward E. Cross, of the fifth New Hampshire has placed in his hands the State flag of the Fourth North Carolina Regiment, which was captured by Col. Cross' command at Sharpsburg. Adjutant General Ayling says that he has suggested to Mrs. Chase, and she fully agrees with him, that if there is an association of the survivors of the Fourth Regiment they would be glad to have the flag returned, and that if there is no association the State authorities would no doubt be pleased to receive it. He desires the Adjutant General to ascertain if there is such an association and if not to give directions as to the shipment of the flag.

Now, if there is an association of the Fourth, it would be a very graceful and proper thing for it to invite Mrs. Chase to come to North Carolina and bring the flag herself and give her a reception she would always remember. If there is no association, the flag ought to be placed in the State Library. Col. Cross died some years ago, it is learned.—Raleigh cor Wilmington Messenger.

The above is a gross error. The flag was presented by the ladies of Washington to Company E. (Captain Carter), and was by them prized very highly—so much so that it was secreted in a knapsack in the baggage train; it was never placed on a staff, nor never used in battle. The flag was not captured at the battle of Sharpsburg but was taken the day before at South Mountain with the rest of the baggage, the property of Company E. Messrs W. L. Powell and Thos. H. O'Merry, members of Company E, gave us the above facts. We trust the papers of the State will correct the statement. Neither was the regimental flag captured at Sharpsburg. As the flag was presented to Company E, which was from this county, the Ladies Memorial Association, of Beaufort County, are the proper ones to receive the flag. The flag was made of a silk dress, which belonged to the late Mrs. Clara Clark (nee Hoyt), of this city.

A Pennsylvania Judge has decided that a woman on the witness stand has a right to refuse to tell her age when a lawyer tries to pump it out of her. The Judge holds that her age is a woman's secret to which she has a natural and inalienable right, if she does not voluntarily surrender it.

Cubans Confident.

Havana, December 18.—The Herald field correspondent reports from Santa Clara that the insurgents in that province have more than six thousand men, well armed, and are confident of ultimate success. They are also well provided with medicine and other necessities. General Gomez is at La Reforma, where he has been for nearly a year. It is reported this morning that General Garcia has captured and destroyed the city of Bayamo.

Within the last four days two large filibustering expeditions have safely reached Cuba. One landed in Matanzas province and the other at Baracoa, only five leagues from Havana. They consisted chiefly of clothing, medicine and dynamite. The rebels are now using large quantities of dynamite with considerable effect.

Whenever a man begins to denounce the "white man's party" and says that there is no necessity for white men to get together to control the State—keep your eye on that man. He has already made up his mind to "jine the Radicals."

Havana Dec. 17.—General Blanco has declared that if within a reasonable time after the establishment of autonomy, it is clearly seen that it has no practical effect in restoration of peace, he will tender his resignation, and return to Spain.

Havana, Dec. 18.—A small box, apparently made to contain samples of some description, was found this morning at Casa Nueva, where the United States consulate is situated. An examination of the box showed it to contain a tube filled with an explosive substance. Fortunately the cover was not removed in the ordinary way but was splintered open. Under the cover was a piece of sand paper, intended to light a box of matches, and thus bring about an explosion.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The populists have decided to hold a caucus tomorrow night to outline their policies on pending questions. They will probably oppose the retirement of the greenbacks, the extension of further privileges to national banks, the annexation of Hawaii, and favor the recognition of Cuban independence and the repeal of civil service law.

The Captain-General and the leaders of the Anarchist Reformist parties are very busy now over the decree of autonomy, which has just arrived from Spain. It is believed that simultaneously with the publication of the decree, the Captain-General will issue a proclamation inviting the insurgents to surrender.

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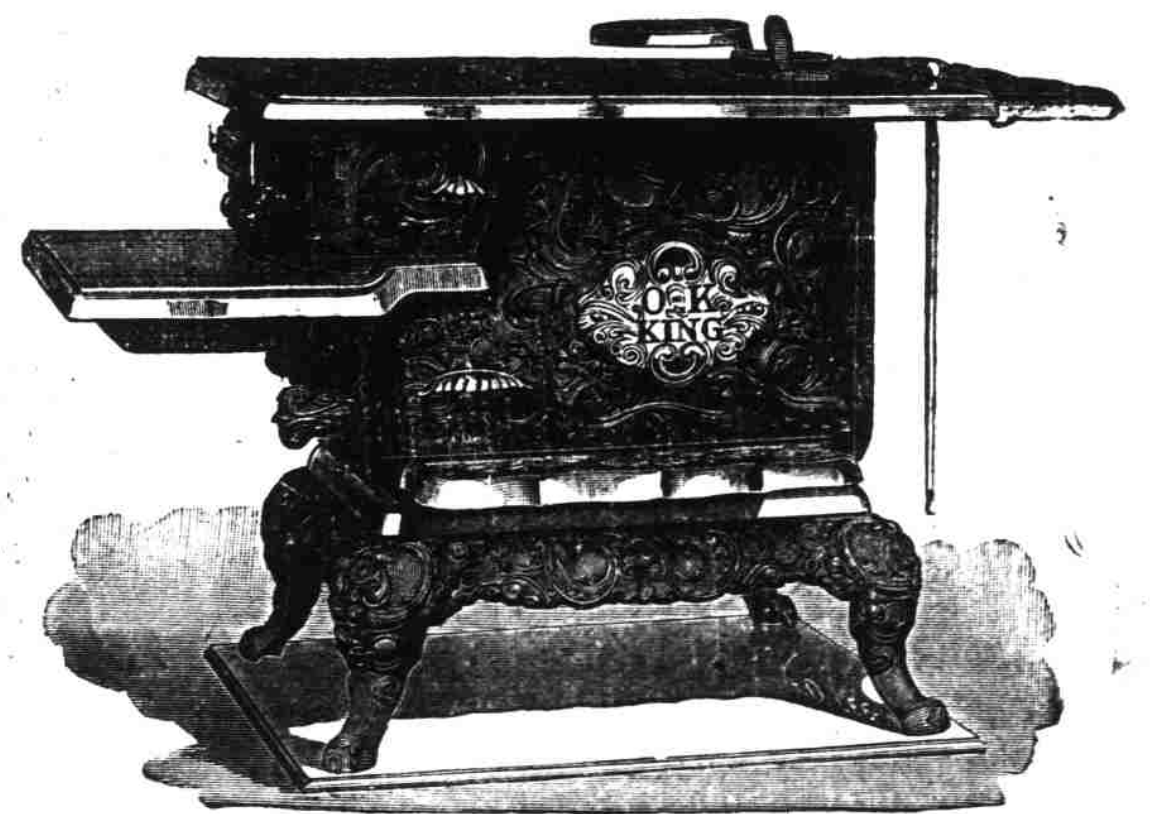
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