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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The death of Prince Bismarck, of Germany, removes one of the century's most prominent men. His name is known the world over and Germany owes much to his memory. He was a man of positive character and impressed his life upon his age with an accentuation that will not soon fade out. Bismarck and Gladstone are thought of together though there was much difference in their lives.

The New York and Brooklyn people have become a little alarmed about the safety of the Brooklyn Bridge. Some nights ago a long line of trolley cars was stalled on the bridge, when a sound like a gun shot was heard and the bridge vibrated. People on it did not feel very comfortable and there has been some uneasiness felt. The authorities declare the bridge is safe, but the people who cross it are afraid of the "last straw" idea.

The Monroe Enquirer recently printed the following amusing paragraph about a Populist who thought he was up to date:

"We are told, and it is said there is no fake about the matter, that a Vance township Populist magistrate who is at outs with Marion Butler, said that the meanest man connected with this war is 'this here fellow Key West.' The magistrate says further that, in his opinion, 'there is no more sly and treacherous fellow loose than that fellow Key West, except Marion Butler.'"

The business world is watching the South and its development with keen interest. Much depends upon the individuality of each community as to what shall be the developments relative and absolute. Many things are to be considered and many people are to consider them. Every individual in every town and community ought to feel himself a committee of one especially appointed to make all strangers and new comers feel welcome. Much depends upon impressions made on strangers.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, appointed by Governor Russell. Recently he resigned, and in his letter to the Governor or he was very emphatic in his denunciation of the Board and all its proceedings. Taking the reasons that Mr. Bailey gave for his resignation, no decent man could afford to remain a party to such things as are being done. The whole trend of the administration is to square accounts with various persons for their service to the Republican party.

In the rush of business and work last week it escaped us to mention the Simmons-Mewborne correspondence. Chairman F. M. Simmons wrote J. M. Mewborne, superintendent of the State penitentiary, asking him certain courteous questions concerning the institution and its interest, questions which it would seem any citizen would have a right to ask and expect an answer. To these Superintendent Mewborne replied in a low and vulgar style and in language which would better be used in a fish market than addressed to a gentleman. Mr. Simmons, however, replied in a style that showed that he was well prepared though he may never have had to display his vocabulary in such a cause before. Mewborne was literally fayed when Chairman Simmons got through with him.

The people of the State will remember such proceedings at next voting time and will remember to labor from now on to secure the overthrow of such incompetent and inconsiderate men.

The Rev. W. B. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellenwood, that state, was attacked by cholera morbus. He was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

ABOUT THE POWERS.

WHAT WE DO NOT NEED.

Present-Day Thoughts.

BY G. GROSVENOR DAWE.

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In doing further combat with the present earnest demands for a permanent and decided increase of both army and navy, it is necessary to consider the probability of foreign interference in relation to the new islands and archipelagos that are to be ours. As present hostilities will not last long, it is well for us to fortify our minds in advance regarding the matter, since every possible and impossible and retrogressive argument will be brought forth in order to impel us into enormous expenditures for arms and ships and men.

In the first place we can safely dismiss from any discussion all fears of attack by any one of the minor powers of the world. In a manner free from boasting we can properly say that no such power is courting annihilation, nor are the conditions that have brought us into conflict with a seventh rate power ever likely to be repeated. Therefore the only remaining powers that are worthy of consideration in Europe are England, France, Germany, and Russia, and in Asia Japan, and that not for twenty-five years at least. Those then that demand from our puerile nation a return to the weakness of force must be relentlessly narrowed down to the real limits of the danger—viz, that none but great powers will dare any filching from us; and that the fear of filching is the only excuse for the proposed increase; for our original territory remains as ocean-bulwarked as ever.

If we assume now the accuracy of last week's thought as to the possibility of administering by justice instead of by force, it shall be further shown that the great powers from a variety of causes are little likely to meddle with us. Thus will it be possible for us, with safety, after present hostilities have ceased to return to our skeleton army, and simply sustain our navy in its former condition of extraordinary efficiency. Add to this a considerable reformation of militia methods so that in future the time of need will not be such a time of confusion; also a formation for local purposes of a few regiments of native constabulary; and we shall have demonstrated to the world just what is the true greatness of a great nation whose ideals are moral instead of physical and whose wars are on moral issues, if any.

As to Russia: This most populous of nations has the greatest debt (14.8 of the total national wealth) and least wealth per capita, and the most ignorant population of all the great nations of the earth. These are a few superlatives that are quite unenviable, and not exactly suited for producing a good, fighting army. Furthermore the father of the present czar (who imitates him) was far-sighted enough to see that his duty to his tremendous territory from Atlantic to Pacific eastward, was to develop it internally and stay out of international squabbles unless they affected his main design. And he needs to do this, for while his population is 30 million more than ours, his iron and steel productions are 13 times less than ours, his coal fields are only 27,000 square miles against our 194,000. Further he has but one trans-continental railroad and that incomplete as to main line and largely lacking as to feeders.

As to Germany: At the very outset, taking this nation's own fighting efficiency, which, with first and second reserves, amounts to 9 per cent of the whole population, or 4,700,000 in all, there is no reason to suppose that our own nation would fail to produce a similar percentage if need be, or 6,300,000 in all. Germany too would be 3,000 miles from a base in attacking us here and many more thousands from a good base if attacking our interests in the Pacific. Hot-headed though her Emperor may be and anxious to whet the sword of a real living, divine-right war-lord, a modicum of good sense will restrain him from attempting any save tariff reprisals against a nation that excels him in all that makes for an enduring fight though behind him in instantaneous readiness.

As to France: Her debt per capita is within one tenth of one per cent of that of Russia; her total agricultural productions, are one third less than ours, her coal fields are trifling,

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and her possible high limit army on the nine per cent basis of Germany, 3,000,000 less than ours. But most notable of all her drawbacks which in the main as to distance, etc., resemble those of Germany, is that she is lacking in any clearly defined, well-sustained, national policy, such as characterize Russia, Germany and England. She is the erratic, impulsive comet of European politics and is well preoccupied in dodging here, there and yon the zones of travel of the other great constellations. She would have everything to lose ultimately and nothing to gain by attempting an assault upon us even at our weakest outpost.

As to England: She is restrained by a hereditary relationship, and a moral relationship also that involve the duty of maintaining on the earth the hard-gained rights of the individual man, freedom of speech and thought and action, and a common heritage of law and government. She is never likely therefore to drift into a fight with us; but, if our eyes are open to international light, more than likely to come into closer relations with us for the sake of those things that are most hopeful and most progressive in the world's life. As to our new colonial possessions, she welcomes, indeed, for reasons of state, a stiffening cord of English-speaking administrations the world around.

As to all: Anxious regarding frontiers and with a wound still running after 27 years, France could not join with Germany against us, but must of necessity oppose her. Germany might join with Russia but would place France and England with us. So envious, however, are they all of England, that an attack upon us by her would give us more allies than we could manage.

This is not a flippant disposal of a great question. We have progressed beyond the time when nations waltz into war to times played by royal fiddlers. There is no great nation so insame as to seize an outlying piece of territory from another nation, unless confident of being able to hold it. As figures will demonstrate if my readers will take the time for independent investigation, no great nation on the face of the earth will attempt to steal from one strong in the potentials of war as we, and it is therefore only childish and unreflective dread that will impel us to depart from our old policy of an exceedingly moderate army and navy.

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The greatest commercial drummer of the present age is the rightly placed advertisement. It never tires, has no hotel expenses, needs no mileage tickets and finds its way everywhere. A slight charge pays for its transmission from ocean to ocean, and from the Canadas to Mexico. It travels to the outposts of civilization for the merest trifle of cost. It is a veritable globe trotter. The carrier pigeon fails to travel so far, the navigator cannot overtake it, and even the ubiquitous telegraph wire has terminal behind the foot-prints of an ad. Nor is this a useless race with distance or a mere experiment in testing postal facilities. There is money in it. It has commercial value. It is the living seed of the future business crop.

The most successful business men of to-day recognize this fact, and keep the silent drummer in perpetual motion. Those who neglect this means of soliciting trade are the losers thereby. Advertising is not a fad, nor can it be a failure, if due prudence is taken in putting the right thing in the right place.

Washing Silk.

In washing silk there are four things to avoid—rubbing, wringing, soap and heat. Have the water luke-warm. Make a lather with a little dissolved soap if very dirty; if not, use bran water. Don't allow soap in a lump to come in contact with silk. Take hold of one end of the article and "swish" round and round till clean. Rinse in cold water to which has been added vinegar, a desertspoonful to a quart. Place between dry clothes and squeeze, preferably through a machine. Shake well, to get rid of superfluous moisture, and iron at once through tissue paper with a warm iron.

The Best Remedy for Flux.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physician having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

RARE DISHES.

THE TOOTHsome PEANUT.

Many Ways in Which They May Be Served.

The peanut may be used in many ways as a food. Here are some methods of preparing it given by the New York Tribune:

As a vegetable—In some places peanuts are served as a vegetable. The skins are first removed, and a large cupful of them placed in a baking dish. Pour over them a quart of boiling water, cover tightly and bake in a slow oven from four to five hours or until the nuts are tender. When partially cooked season with salt and stir in a tablespoonful of butter.

An appetizing soup—An appetizing soup can be made by boiling peanuts in water until perfectly tender, then mashing, adding a pint of milk, a spoonful of butter and a little salt. Stuffing for ducks—Stuffing for ducks is greatly improved by the addition of peanuts rolled or chopped fine.

In China these nuts are boiled, rolled fine and molded into a dough, which is baked in cakes.

Peanut Salad—Remove skins of fresh roasted peanuts, chop, but not too fine, and add an equal quantity of crisp celery cut fine. Serve on young tender lettuce leaves, with the following dressing: Two eggs, a half teaspoonful of salt, a half teaspoonful of mustard, four tablespoonfuls of melted butter and six tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Beat the yolks of the eggs, add the salt and mustard and continue to beat; add slowly the butter and vinegar; cook in a double boiler until the mixture thickens; remove from the fire and add the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. When cold and ready to serve add one cupful of whipped cream and pour a large spoonful over the nuts and celery on each leaf of lettuce.

Peanut Sandwiches—Stale bread, or that which is at least twenty-four hours old, is best for all sandwiches. Chop the peanuts fine and mix with the foregoing rule as a mayonnaise dressing, the recipe for which is given below:

Beat the yolks of three eggs light, add half a teaspoonful of salt and beat a moment longer, then add salad oil—a few drops at a time—until a pint has been used. To this add a dust of cayenne pepper and a tablespoonful of vinegar. Keep in a cool place, and stir into it when ready to use a half pint of whipped cream.

Delicious as Sandwiches—Finely chopped peanuts can be moistened with whipped cream and seasoned with salt. This makes a simple but delicious filling for sandwiches.

Salted peanuts—Shell and skin the peanuts and allow to each cupful of nuts one tablespoonful of butter and one of salt. Let them stand for an hour or so, and then place on a granite plate in a moderate oven; stir frequently until they become a golden-brown color.

Peanut Croquettes—A half pint of bread crumbs, a gill of cold milk and one cup of finely chopped peanuts. Stir this mixture in a double boiler over the fire until it is a smooth mass; then add the well-beaten yolks of two eggs and remove from the fire. When cool form into cone-shaped croquettes, dip in egg and cracker crumbs and fry a golden brown in hot fat. Drain on brown paper and serve at once, with a caramel or maple-sugar sauce.

Peanut Filling for Cake—Make a boiled icing of one cup of granulated sugar and five tablespoonfuls of cold water. Boil until it threads from a spoon; add the well-beaten white of one egg and beat until thick, then stir into it a cupful of peanuts which have been chopped fine. Spread between the cake layers and over the top.

About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. BOGGS, Stumpston, Gilmer Co., W. Va. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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Bedrooms.

(Written for the Epitomist.)

It was probably the desire of a woman to have a house all parlor that first led to the introduction of the folding bed. Nothing more unhealthy could be devised. The tightly-rolled or folded mattress can not be kept clean and sweet; furthermore, the folding bed is often dangerous to life and limb, as numerous accidents bear witness. Any sort of a couch that will close with the sudden and death-like grip of a bear-trap is not safe to have around. One would suppose that people gifted with ordinary common sense would know this; but no, they still clamber guilelessly into the folding bed, to be taken out in a crushed or flattened condition, and, if the folding bed has come to stay, it is to be hoped that some sort of an anti-folder can be applied to it in the interest of 'longevity.'

The best bed that can be bought, if health and cleanliness are to be considered, is made of iron or brass. It is light and easily moved, and will last a life-time.

The hair-mattress is comfortable, but whether it has anything else to recommend it is an open question. Probably not, for every article used about a bed ought to be of such a nature that it can be easily aired and cleaned. What we really need is a mattress of woven wire, and here is a chance for the inventor. The man who can give us something durable in woven wire, that is light and easily turned and springy as the bough of a tree, which, in short, can be made to take the place of both the mattress and springs now in use, will make a fortune. Such a bed, with blankets or cheesecloth comforts, would come nearer perfection than anything we ever had yet.

In furnishing a bedroom, one thought should be kept constantly in view—ease in cleansing and disinfecting. Scores of children have died of scarlet fever and diphtheria on account of carelessness in this respect. A bed that can be taken all to pieces and aired every day, and frequently all day; curtains that can be washed, a floor that can be wiped up with hot water and carbolic acid, rugs that can be shaken, plain wood or wicker chairs, sunshine, air, ventilation and perfect cleanliness—these are the things that are needed in the sleeping room, for we do not know on what day disease and death may enter there.

HELEN H. PRESTON.

The Eighteen-Year-Old Brother.

"Your brother is not particularly handsome, and now that he is eighteen years old you cannot deny that he is awkward," writes Ruth Ashmore, counseling the sister how to influence her brother, in the August Ladies' Home Journal. "He suggests to you a shape not unlike that of a spider, for he seems principally arms and legs, while he has wonderful ability in the way of stumbling when he ought to walk straight. The girl who tries to do right should be quick enough to realize that to make her brother more at ease in the general world she must clear from his mind any ideas he may have as to his own lack of beauty or grace. The boy of eighteen usually needs a good dose of commendation, or else he believes that everybody is banded to scoff at him. When he is introduced to a strange girl he doesn't know what to say, and yet she is a pretty girl, for she stands and looks at him, and seems to convict him of being out of place, while he wishes he were at home. He wishes, again, that he hadn't come to the party, and he is about as awkward-looking and as unhappy as any boy of his age can be. The belle of the room gets rid of him with great quickness, and he realizes that she is laughing at him as he sees her chatting and smiling with an older man. Then he grows bitter. This is the time that his sister needs to bring all her sweet influence to bear upon him. She can ask her partner to take her over to her brother, and politely excuse her, as well as being engaged to her brother for the dance or promenade. She can make him grow to believe in himself, and soon may present to him some girl, less beautiful, perhaps, than the other, but one who knows how to encourage and make happy another girl's brother, because she has a brother, and knows how tender the feeling of a boy are, and how easily wounded."

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