

MADE EXCHANGE OF SWORDS

American Officer in Havana Was Not to Be Outdone in Courtesy by Any Cuban.

Major E. Ormsmond Power, United States Army, says the most embarrassing moment of his army life was in Havana when he was a lieutenant in 1898. The United States had just taken control of Cuba and Lieutenant Power was sent to Havana to see about taking over some property. While in a restaurant he saw four Cuban officers, immaculately garbed. In true Latin manner they rose, bowed ceremoniously, and invited him to sit at their table.

"Sir," said one of the officers, rising. "It gives us the honor very distinguished to have an American officer join us—to have the valiant Americans in control of our country. My feeling is so great that I beg of you to give us the honor of accepting my sword."

With that he whipped out his beautiful Toledo blade, made of a steel like the like of which no American ever possessed. As the young American awkwardly waited the Cuban struck the point of his Toledo blade in the center of the table, bent it scabbard, and as it whipped back into shape gradually handed it to Power.

Feeling it up to him to do something graceful, Lieutenant Power begged the Cuban accept his sword to establish relations further. With that he whipped out his \$10 blade, bought from a department store on the East side of New York, imitating the Cuban, he struck the point in the middle of the table, bent it double—and it stayed bent!

Without a tremor, Lieutenant Power calmly handed the blade, now bent like a pretzel, to the Cuban, and made him a sweeping bow.—From the Assoc. New Official Newspaper of the American Army of Occupation.

DEMAND FOR HIPPO TEETH

Buyers Fleck to Antwerp Four Times a Year to Attend Auction Where They Are Sold.

The chief ivory market of the world is in Antwerp, where buyers from everywhere assemble four times a year to attend an auction of this material.

Most of it consists of the tusks of African elephants, but considerable quantities of hippopotamus teeth also figure in the sales. The latter, at an auction a few weeks ago, brought prices all the way from three-five cents to 25 a pound, according to quality.

When the animals are very young they have and hard. George Washington had a set of teeth made of it. But nowadays much better ones are manufactured of porcelain by the million.

At the recent auction above mentioned rhinoceros horns brought \$15 a pound. They are intricately carved, mostly for carvers. The horn of the rhinoceros, by the way, is one of the oddest of nature being composed of closely compressed hair.

"Bad Angel" Unappreciated

Many times our best angels are not appreciated. The very fact that we are so accustomed to their ministry makes them commonplace. Bill was hardly man at a certain college. He didn't get rich on what he did but he knew more about things than any one there. He just naturally took the responsibility for everything. But no one appreciated him. In fact he became something of a joke and everybody took occasion to shove off responsibility on him knowing that he could be counted on pulling anything through that he undertook. So they worked the writing force until he was galled to be a man aggressive, curious and the college had a good shake. Incidentally I might add, two men and a typist are doing the house work—Gitt.

News

A famous French scientist of the last century was very short, unpolished and many, including himself, had of this unattractive quality. On one occasion he had arranged to preach in a certain church a few miles from Aberdeen. He got out on a pony to good time, but when near the end of the journey he fell a distance to such a point as to break his neck. The word was brought to his death as he turned the head of the pony around, the matter is now the history. Following his death, he started the pony without thinking to turn it in the same direction. It got all out all right, but some half an hour later it fell back to earth, at the same time as he had to have been present at the scene of his own death.

By Post Problem

The first problem of the post office is to get the mail out of the box and into the hands of the people. This is a very simple matter, but it is one that is often overlooked. The post office is a very important part of our life, and it is one that is often overlooked.

North Carolina's Possession of Its Negro Citizenship.

It is now generally conceded that North Carolina is making the most rapid progress in education of all the states of the Union.

It is gratifying to know that during this great educational upheaval she has never lost sight of or failed to provide for her Negro citizenship.

Statistics show that the last General Assembly made appropriations for Negro education that aggregate approximately three and one half millions of dollars. Ten years ago the entire expenditure of the state for both white, negro and indian education was less than three millions.

There is now a separate department of Negro education, consisting of eight persons, five white and three colored. To say nothing of the many other advantages the state is offering its negro citizenship. This record should be sufficient to endear the Old North State to the heart of every negro within its borders.

Now what is the state expecting in return for such vast expenditures of its money? She is not expecting dividends in immediate dollars and cents, but she has the right and is expecting each individual to pay back value received with interest in a higher standard of citizenship, which means among many other things a safer community for life and property, less egoism and a keener perception of the other fellow's rights and less criminals and paupers to burden society. In order to attain this height the children must have the advantage of what the state is spending. This means they must be in school the entire session.

Our state is playing its part well in providing sufficient buildings and equipment and efficient supervision and teachers, hence it behoves, and is all the more imperative that parents and guardians play their part in seeing that every child who gets the chance to attend the state school actually attends. So many children at their most sacred birthright. The writer desires to make a special appeal to every patron of the Farmville Colored Graded school in behalf of the state's future citizens to begin now making ready for the opening which is just a little way off.

We shall not be able to open in our new building as we had hoped, but let no one entertain any pessimistic ideas for even a moment. There is no reason whatever for any discouragement for this building will just as surely be erected as the good white people of Farmville live and that just as soon as conditions will permit. Financial conditions are abnormal and the wisest cannot calculate with any degree of certainty just now on financial problems, but this building will certainly be erected.

The white man's conscience is too highly developed to provide for himself and neglect others who need his assistance and are depending upon him.

Indeed as a whole our Southern white people are the best friends we have on earth.

The greatest advantage probably that the negro has in the South is that he understands the whites and the whites understand him better than in any other section, yet there is a great necessity for a better understanding of each other even in the South.

The Southern whites are easy to understand because they are frank and speak and do what they think is best, without hope of reward or fear of punishment.

The negro who desires to understand a thing and live a better life, and to have a better opportunity to have the best of both worlds, American and of his own "folk" North Carolina is the answer.

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