



THEY READ THE GAZETTE

OLD SANTA (taken by surprise) "Ha, ha, ha! And you've caught me in the very act! It's hard to get ahead of the wide-a-wake little folks in these homes where THE GAZETTE goes."

A RIOT IN TITLES.

Embarrass the position of each... The United States is a very large country...

Holders of titles have to pay an annual tax ranging from \$44.50 in the first class to a merely \$3.25 in the sixth.

These titles are always used in conversation, as, for example, "Will not the chamberlain have a cigar?"

Then there are ladies who generally have "inde" (the English "and") added to their husbands' titles or surnames.

But the subtleties of the additional titular address in writing even exceed the verbal form. That persons of the first rank are "excellencies" is only natural.

Gentlemen of the sixth class are addressed as "well honorable and well bred," which is a thing almost more than they could expect for their class.

MEXICAN ETIQUETTE.

Ladies do not attend fiestas. Children kiss the hands of their parents.

The bridegroom purchases his bride's trousseau. The hostess is served first at a Mexican table.

When friends pass each other on the street without stopping they say adios (goodby).

Cards are sent to friends upon the anniversary of their sinit's day and upon New Year's day.

Even the youngest children of the family are dressed in mourning upon the death of a relative.

The pronoun tu (thou) is used only among very intimate friends and relatives or when addressing children or servants.

Never allow a caller to carry a package of any size from your house; always send it to his home. Mexicans do not carry parcels.

If you change your residence you must notify your Mexican friends by card; otherwise they will not feel at liberty to enter your new home—Modern Mexico.

A Matter of Time. "The reason why I quit shaving," said Rivers, "was that I figured up one day the amount of time that it took. I used to spend a little over fifteen minutes every day of my life shaving myself. I found that this cost up ten or twelve working days every year, and I decided I simply couldn't afford the time."

"Well," responded Brooks, "you spend at least half an hour three times a day eating your meals. That makes ten and a half hours a week. There are fifty-two weeks in a year. Ten and a half times fifty-two—let me see—in 546. Allowing eight hours to a working day you spend sixty-eight days, or over two months, every year at your meals. Why don't you quit eating?"—Kansas City Independent.

University. "A university," said John Henry Newman, "is in its essence a place for the communication and circulation of thought by means of personal intercourse."

That was some years ago. Now a university is in its essence a group of buildings costing \$15,000,000 containing apparatus costing \$10,000,000 and in the custody of a faculty whose salaries foot up \$5,000,000, where young persons, regardless of religious beliefs, provided only they have the dollars, may learn to use tobacco and drink—LIFE.

THE OLD RELIABLE



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THE SUN THAT DIDN'T SET.

An Observation of the Altitude of Uncle Marcus Alonzo Hanna. Springfield Republican.

Of one thing we may be sure. Mr. Hanna is enjoying himself. He is not worrying. It is another who walks the floor while Mr. Hanna sleeps.

Compare the present position of Mr. Hanna with that of a year ago, or even of six months. His sun seemed to be setting. When President McKinley passed from the scene many assumed that Mr. Hanna would shrink in power and importance; and as time passed, with the rapidly expanding popularity of Mr. Roosevelt, their forecast apparently was being vindicated.

Presto! the whole scene was changed. If the story should be named, the title might well read, "The Sun that Didn't Set." Uncle Mark remains a resplendent orb high up in the political sky.

In order to appreciate the full extent of Mr. Hanna's personal achievement, we need only remember that seven years ago the Ohio Senator was unknown to American politics, except as a business man of Cleveland

who had lately begun drumming for delegates in favor of the nomination of his friend McKinley to the Presidency. Seven years ago people were asking "Who is this man Hanna?" No one asks that question now. With no great amount of moral capital nor any training in public affairs, he is now "the great Senator from Ohio," who can fight the President's nomination of a dear and intimate friend without incurring the President's displeasure; he is the actual favorite and first choice of that powerful business class which has been the backbone of the Republican party; and on the stump, he even basks in the popularity of "Uncle Mark" among the people of the Ohio valley.

RELIGIOUS RENOVATIONS.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt Recommends Trust Methods to the Churches. New York World.

Mr. William K. Vanderbilt is reported to have said to two ministers who came in search of contributions: "You are overburdened with churches. I advise you to reduce the number and cut down the salaries of ministers and learn to be self-supporting."

Mr. Vanderbilt's remarks are pregnant. It is true that religion is about the only one of our institutions which has remained untouched by the spirit of the age—the spirit of consolidation. Mr. Vanderbilt evidently thinks that these antiquated theological conditions should be brought up to date.

These are highly interesting problems, on which those most interested would, no doubt, appreciate an expert opinion.

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