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I OFTEN WONDER WHY THIS IS.

Some find work where some find rest. And so the weary world goes on. I sometimes wonder when life is best. The answer comes when life is gone.

Some eyes shut when some eyes wake. And so the dreary night hours go. Some hearts beat where some hearts break. I oft wonder why this is so.

Some will faint when some will fall. Some love the sun and some the night. I often wonder who are right. The ones who strive or those who fight.

Some hands fold where some other hands are lifted bravely in the strife. And so through ages and through life. Move on the two extremes of life.

Some feet halt where some feet tread. In those much a flitting way. Some struggle on where some have fled. Some seek when others shun the fray.

Some words rust where others clash. Some fall back where some move on. Some flags fall where others flash. Until the battle has been won.

Some sleep on while others keep. The vigils of the true and brave. They will not rest till roses creep. Around their name above a grave. PATHEK RYAN.

THE TURKEY.

For weeks and weeks the ripened corn He's goobied by the peck. Now on some sad November morn. He gets it in the neck.

AN ELEGANT EDITION.

The Empire of the South, its resources, industries and resorts, published by the Southern Railway Company, being a complete history of the Southland, with an exposition of the present resources and development of the South, by Frank Presbrey, is on our table. Typographically it is a most excellent piece of work, of 182 pages, 9x11 inches, printed on heavy calendared paper and profusely illustrated with handsome pictures of famous resorts, important public and private buildings, picturesque mountain, river and lake scenes, tobacco and cotton fields, orange groves, &c. It embraces interesting write-ups of Washington, D. C., Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Florida. In all it is one of the most complete and handsome editions ever gotten out by the great Southern Railway Company.

It is a wise turkey that knows when to diet.

That fusion victory went off with heart failure.

Election bets will cause some men a great deal of chagrin.

The man who "knew it" did not materialize. It was so sudden, so immense, so paralyzing that he lost his breath.

And now comes the query—who will be Raleigh's Mayor, when Clerk of the Court Russ resigns? Raleigh is just jam full of mayroaky timber, some well-seasoned and plenty new-cut.

A joint session of the Spanish and American commissioners at Havana will shortly be held to determine what things may properly be taken away from the fortifications.

There will be considerable change in the city administration.

If Jno. C. Dreary should be elected Mayor what will Raleigh do for a chairman of the Street Committee?

Members of the Cuban Assembly meeting at Santa Cruz have come to the conclusion that the insurgent army must be disbanded.

Gen. Joe Wheeler was re-elected to Congress and yet he had no majority. In fact he received the smallest vote of any candidate in the Eighth Alabama district.

The census of the "I-told-you-so's" shows a marked increase over the regular returns, which is considered an encouraging outlook for the political prophets in an off year.

Gen. Vara del Rey's was found by Spanish officers near El Caney and was escorted into Santiago by American troops and a band, which pleased the Spaniards, but astonished the Cubans.

The Vulcan left Norfolk, Va., with Lieutenant Hobson on board, to search for the Spanish cruiser Maria Teresa, reported ashore on that island.

The American peace commissioners at Paris yesterday delivered a statement asserting America's claim of a perfect right to settle the future of the Philippines.

A dispatch from Madrid says the Emperor and Empress of Germany will arrive at Orléans on November 20, and will be invited by the Queen Regent to go to Madrid.

A Paris paper says the French admiral at Toulon is sending orders to use all available warships on the M. International property for a raid.

In a speech at the Port Mayor's banquet at Saint Helier, Guernsey, last night Lord Salisbury denied the English proposal of a protectorate over Egypt and said that the entrance of the United States into Asiatic politics would be a good thing for Great Britain.

DEWEY'S RIGHT TO HIS NAME.

Confederate's Fruitless Effort to Monopolize it for His Wars.

The application made some time ago by a Western confederate to use the name of Dewey as a trade mark for some of his wares has been denied at the Patent office. The examiner in charge refused to register the mark, in accordance with the law prohibiting the use of the name of a person in designating a trade mark. In commenting on the case Commissioner Duell says: "I cannot, however, refrain from expressing the opinion that even if it be registrable, no one has the right, without the consent of Dewey, to appropriate it as a trade mark. A living is entitled to protection from the ordinary trader."

IRONICAL IPS.

Chicago News.

If you would enjoy much, scatter much enjoyment.

If a man does nothing, he does worse than nothing.

If a cat has nine lives, a fiddle should have more strings.

If there is any luck in a horseshoe, it must be hard luck.

If there is honor among thieves, there should be some among politicians.

If a man is satisfied with himself, he finds others awfully disappointing.

If criminals are to be believed, not one of them ever had an honest conviction.

If counterfeiters turn out bad money, it is because they are unable to make it good.

If a woman only kne w her husband as well before marriage as she does after, the chances are that she would marry some other fellow.

A RICH PEARL FIELD.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Of the wonderful richness of the newly discovered pearl-beds along the coast of New Caledonia, Consul Wolf, of Noumea, says that a little boat of one and one-half tons furnished twenty-two pounds of pearls in 1897. These pearls are of the finest water and are pink, yellow, gray and black. As high as 25 pearls have been found in one oyster shell. The waters have been fished only to a depth of seven feet, owing to the lack of divers. A Parisian syndicate, however, capitalized at \$200,000, has obtained a concession covering 120 miles of coast, and with the latest improved machinery will fish waters to a depth of seventy-five feet. At the greatest depths the largest shells are found, and the consul predicts a wonderful increase of the world's wealth in pearls.

The increasing number of robberies in France has led to the formation of an assurance society against losses by theft. The New York Tribune suggests that it might pay such a society to start a school of thieves, as the more widely the latter ply their trade the greater is likely to be the success of the new enterprise.

Brussels has a tower clock which has never been wound up by human hands. By an ingenious arrangement the wind keeps it wound up.

MYTHS OF OLD MEXICO.

Modern Investigators Doubt Tales of the Wealth of the Montezumas.

City of Mexico Two Republics.

The two Republics would be pleased to satisfy the insatiable curiosity of a reader in Pueblo, who wants to know something about the population of ancient Mexico and Montezuma's treasure. They are unable to do so, however, with regard to the latter. As to the former question there is a variety of opinions. Foreigners who speak and read the English language have usually taken Prescott's word for it, and Prescott has undoubtedly given a very greatly exaggerated account of the situation that existed prior to and at the time of the conquest. The early Spanish chroniclers were also given to flights of imagination not valuable for historical purposes, and the conquistadors delighted in mentioning the names of emperors, princes and such, which undoubtedly magnified the importance of their own accomplishments.

Ignacio Altamirano, who gave the subject profound study, is of the opinion that the population of Mexico at the time of the arrival of Cortez consisted of nothing but rude huts and a population of about thirty thousand. The two Republics is inclined to accept Mr. Altamirano's statement. Few men in a republic were in a better position to get at the facts, and none have been more conscientious in their investigations. While it may spoil some very beautiful fiction, facts compel us to the belief that the Aztec people were very far from being the magnificent semi-barbarous people that they have been represented. Montezuma, who is spoken of as the great "emperor" of the Aztecs, is said to have frequently appeared at courts in undress uniform, and to have given his great and very irregular hour out of a huge pot that always stood on the fire.

What the races were that preceded the Aztecs might be another question, but as for the Aztecs themselves, there is little reliable information to warrant an saying that they were much above the plane of hundreds of other tribes that populated Mexico generations ago, or for that matter, still form numerically the greater part of our population.

As to Montezuma's treasure, that is something of a myth. One good priest who was connected with the first occupation of Mexico stated, upon seeing a parcel of gold in an Aztec establishment which stood on the present site of the Monte Piedra, that it appeared to be more gold than he thought was to be found in the whole world. This statement is usually taken with credulity by historians. There was undoubtedly gold here, and considerable quantities were taken during the retreat of the Spaniards and later, when Cortez returned to the city, this gold was not destroyed. The amount was not so great as is supposed, and it was hidden in a place which has not been discovered. "Montezuma's treasure" has been handed down to us as a name for all the valuables which the Spaniards were unable to locate. There are still some people who believe that the treasure is hidden there, and there are others who waste little time in the thought.

THE KAISER'S BIG SOLDIERS.

London Chronicle.

"The tallest man in his army," who is now accompanying the German Emperor in the visit to the East, is a grenadier named Klemke, who is nearly six feet ten inches in his stockings. This Frederick William Maria of the Kaiser's is an old device of his for impressing the Emperor's name. On returning on his first visit to Constantinople, in 1859, the Emperor sent the Sultan a complete set of knickerbockers, which he intrusted to the tallest officer in his army, Lieutenant Pleshov, who is very little, if at all, over six feet. One day, indeed, when this Prussian guardman looked over a seven-foot garden wall and asked a girl picking gooseberries therein what was the way to so-and-so, the simple maiden told him to ride first to the right and then to the left, and he could find the place he wanted. The nymph had honestly fancied that an officer overpeering her garden wall like that must necessarily be on horse-back!

THE CUBAN TARIFF.

An Early Modification of the Tobacco Schedule Expected.

The treasury's temporary tariff schedule for Cuba will probably soon be modified in some particulars, especially in the tobacco schedule. It is complained by persons engaged in the tobacco industry in Cuba that German tobaccoists have discovered a method of competing with them which is liable to prove disastrous in more than one way.

The Germans can make a cigar for five dollars a thousand which they can send to Cuba, pay the present temporary duties, and ship from Cuba to the United States as Havana cigars, selling them here at eight dollars a thousand, and yet realizing a very net profit over all expenses. Eight dollars a thousand is as low a figure as the Cuban remonstrants say they can reach with the first cost of the cigars, and they consider the competition very unfair as regards prices alone, to say nothing of the damage done to them indirectly through the sale of inferior German stock under the Havana name. The treasury will probably impose the Dingley cigar schedule in place of the temporary schedule of which complaint is made.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Sir William Lockhart, the new commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, is a veteran of no less than ten campaigns on the frontier, the last one being the war which ended at Tirah and Dargal. He is listed as an "infantry general," but nearly all his experience has been with the cavalry. The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz has just celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday. He is thus only five months younger than Queen Victoria. The King of Denmark, however, is older than either, having passed his eighty year, while the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, the oldest of the rulers of Europe, is over eighty-one.

The oldest inhabited house in England stands close to the River Ver, and about 250 yards from St. Alban's Abbey. It was built in the time of King Offa of Mercia, about the year 785, and is thus over 1,100 years old. It is of octagonal shape, the upper portion being of oak, and the lower walls of great thickness. At one time it was fortified, and bore the name of St. German's gate.

Boston's ten public ice water fountains cost the city forty cents apiece per day during the summer. Water Commissioner Murphy is now making arrangements whereby ice will be cut this winter from reservoirs belonging to the department and the cost of the free ice water will thereby be made merely nominal next summer.

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DEMAND FOR WAR RELICS.

A Well Established Trade in Odds and Ends Has Been Built Up.

The demand for relics of the Spanish war is so great that a well-established trade in these odds and ends is now in operation.

There are more than a dozen places in New York where authentic war relics are classified and sold. The prices obtained are high, and may be expected to increase.

Curio collectors consider the relics a safe investment, and several of them are buying up everything they can find.

The relics are brought to this country for the most part by soldiers returning from the front. Many tons of stuff have been brought to the city in this way. Some enterprising dealers have made trips to Cuban battle-fields with the purpose of enlarging their collections.

A great deal of valuable material, from the collector's standpoint, is accumulated by the government, and this is from time to time disposed of at auction.

A sale of captured Spanish guns is expected to take place in Washington soon, and several of these have been received. Government material sold in this way is accompanied by receipts, which, of course, guarantee the genuineness of the relics and embrace their value.

The relation of many of the relics to the war is remote. A glance at the price-lists shows that war relics are an expensive luxury. The smallest trinkets seldom sell for less than a dollar, and the prices range to the hundreds.

The cheapest articles in the regular trade are Mauser cartridges, filled or empty. Enough of this ammunition seems to have reached New York to serve for an ordinary battle. The Mauser cartridges used by the Spaniards were made in Germany and are stamped with the maker's name.

But there are tricks in all trades. A clever imitation is on the market, which resembles the original closely, but made in this country. A genuine Mauser cartridge is worth a dollar in the regular trade, but it can be had for fifty cents and does not bring the figure.

The imitations sell for ten cents. Shells and bullets from Cuban battle-fields are the most popular of all the relics. Empty brass shells from machine guns are much in demand, and make attractive ornaments. These sell for \$2 apiece. The price varies according to the size.

Another interesting article is the brass-covered ball cartridge which was used by the Spaniards contrary to the laws of nations. This is handed much the same as the Mauser, except that the bullet is coated with brass, and is poisonous. These cartridges are worth about \$2.

Cartridge belts once worn by Spanish soldiers are considered valuable relics. The canvas belts, emptied of their cartridges, sell for \$3.50 to \$5. Finer leather belts used by the officers bring a dollar or two more. Rifles picked up on Cuban battle-fields command good prices, whether they be in working order or not. A good Mauser rifle with an authentic history can be bought on Broadway for \$25.

A few small field pieces used by the Spaniards are now in the possession of the government, which will soon sell them at auction. Buttons picked up on the battle-fields or out from the dead soldiers' uniforms are also quite numerous. They sell for a dollar or more apiece, the price depending upon the rank of the officer as denoted on the button.

Any part of the apparel of soldiers or sailors on either side makes a good relic. The epaulets of an officer or a piece of his gold braid will bring a fair price. One New York dealer has for sale a pair of leather leggings which he values at \$5. A cut-throat sword, if there is a fair chance that it is a genuine relic, is worth from \$10 up.

A bottle of Spanish powder can be bought for a quarter, and even stones from the hot-dish sell for something, though it is impossible to prove these authentic.

Trinkets picked up on Spanish warships sell well. These include silver boat-racks, glass and china ware, pieces of carpet, metal from the various parts of the ship, buttons, swords and odds and ends. One enterprising Broadway merchant has secured the silver bell of the Cristobal Colon, which is not for sale, but is valued at thousands of dollars.

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