

WHEN SPAIN GAVE UP CUBA

Drama That Began With Columbus Ended in Sorrow After the American War.

Arriving in Havana on the afternoon of December 31, 1898, the day before Spain surrendered the island...

It was five minutes to twelve next day. At that instant rose the solemn strains of the Spanish anthem.

The scene was too painful to prolong. A moment of formalities and it was over, and the defeated said farewell.

"I have been in many battles," he faltered, "many trying situations, but never in a position like this."

SOLID MATTER A FICTION?

Scientists Now Declare That What Seems So in Reality Only Motion.

Science is knocking the materialists and for end, as the boys say, it is absolutely proven that there is no such thing as solid, substantive matter.

But such is not the case. A few years ago radium was discovered, and that has broken the atom into small bits.

Trillions and trillions of these electrons make up this piece of iron, and they are always in motion.

Safety Play Coupled.

The subject of "kissing before engagements for marriage" came up at a whist club of half a dozen married couples.

Innovation Not Popular.

A New York clergyman was requested by a member of his congregation to ask the women to remove their hats in church.

Not His Proper Play.

"Paid the taxes on your house and not yet?" "Yes, and there's a mistake of several dollars in the amount."

MODESTY IS A MALE VIRTUE

With Women It is No More Than an Artificial Protective Device, Says Writer.

And in this same connection it is time that we revised our ideas of feminine modesty.

For modesty is a male, not a female, virtue, and if men do not get the credit due to them it is only because they have lost the power to blush.

Now a woman who had to walk down the street in décolleté dress would probably blush.

FOX ALWAYS WAS CUNNING

Fable From the Talmud Tells How He Put the Bear in the Well.

A fox and a bear were out walking together one day, when, as they passed a house, they smelled the dinner cooking.

"Pray do not let us quarrel. I will take you to another place where we shall certainly obtain plenty of food."

He then got into one of the buckets at the end of the rope and told the bear to get into the other.

As soon as the bear had entered the other bucket the fox threw out the stone and the bucket with the bear inside descended and was left in the well.

Origin of Beet Sugar.

When the fleets of Great Britain blockaded all the ports of Continental Europe, during the Napoleonic wars, Europe was cut off from its supply of sugar.

Her Comprehensive Reply.

"I ask only," in well modulated tones said the earnest, fiddle faced young man, "that you give me what you can of your love and that you never strive for my sake to deny any yearning or strange impulse that pants within you."

About a Woman.

Mr. Gudeman—Little boys shouldn't fight. Won't you let me help you out? Muggay—Sure! As dis is going to be fer blood, you might stand over dere and catch de lady in case she swoons!—Puck.

Observant Youngster.

Teacher—Bobby, what is paraffin used for? Bobby—For rubbin' on meersm' pipes, ma'am, to make 'em color.

WHO WOULDN'T BE TEACHER?

Here is a Schedule of Her Daily Tasks, With an Estimate of Her Pay.

A school teacher is a person who teaches things to people when they are young.

The teacher comes to school at 8:30 o'clock, and when she has gotten enough children for a mess in her room, she teaches them reading, writing, geography, grammar, arithmetic, music, drawing, cooking, board sawing, crocheting, deep breathing, bird calls, scientific eating, patriotism, plain and fancy bathing, forestry, civics and other sciences too numerous to mention.

School teachers' salaries range from \$30 a month up—but not far enough up to make them dizzy.

IS MOST POPULAR OF BOOKS

Bible Holds This Proud Position Partly on Account of Its Pure Literature.

The Bible is the most popular book in the world on account of its pure literature.

Considering the fact that these writings have come to us through translations, it is astonishing what beauties and power have been preserved.

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"Memento Garden."

A very popular woman has what she calls a "memento garden." All the flowers therein come from bulbs saved from plants sent her during her frequent illnesses.

Known by Their Actions.

Some people are like a fly on the body of an ox, in that they pass over all the sound, healthy parts, looking for a sore spot at which to stop and feed.

Out of the Mouths of Babes.

Western Child (returning from Europe, surfeited with monuments and many tombs)—Ma'mma, what's that? Mother—The statue of Liberty, dear. Western Child—Is that where Liberty is buried?—Puck.

FATAL TO MIGRATING BIRDS

Lighthouses Kill Many Thousands, Which the Keepers Dispose of in City Markets.

A writer furnishes some striking figures concerning the havoc wrought among migrating birds by big lighthouses.

On the two mornings he was present there were only a score of woodcock the first day, but on the second the ground was littered with from 600 to 1,000 victims.

An old sportsman of Normandy declares that round the lighthouse of Barfleur last November there were picked up in the course of four nights 10,000 birds of all sorts.

SURGERY IN ANCIENT TIMES

Trepanning is One of the Oldest of Operations, Dating Back to Stone Age.

There is no doubt that some rough form of surgery must have existed from very ancient times.

So far as actual records go, Hippocrates gives us the earliest account. He wrote treatises on fractures, dislocations and wounds of the head.

There are also records about this time and later of a file being used for this purpose, which at a time when anaesthetics were undreamed of must have been to say the least, painful.

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Early Manuscripts.

The type of letter in early manuscript was the same as that of those used on the earlier metal plates and wax tablets.

Economy in Epitaphs.

In a certain town of Nebraska lives a man who has been so unfortunate as to lose three wives, who were buried side by side.

Sparrow Stole a Plume.

While standing on the corner of Fifteenth street and New York avenue yesterday afternoon a well dressed young woman had a small plume torn from her hat by the strong wind.

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LARGEST MAP IN THE WORLD

It is Intended to Show Every Building in London—Is 580 Feet Square.

London.—If all goes well and there are no serious delays, three or four years hence the London county council will have completed what it is believed will be the most wonderful map in the whole world.

The great map will really constitute a twentieth-century London edition of England's famous Domesday Book.

It has often been said that London was owned by a few great landlords, such as the Duke of Westminster, Lord Howard de Walden, Lord Cadogan, the Duke of Bedford and the Duke of Norfolk.

The map will not be issued to the public, but is really being prepared for the use of the county council itself.

FATHER WAS WIFE'S ADMIRER

Son Attacks and Beats Parent Who Comes to Visit Him After Fifteen Years of Separation.

San Bernardino, Cal.—When Oscar Johnson was about to enter his home he saw a stranger embracing his wife. The husband seized a brick, rushed into the house and struck the stranger such a tremendous blow on the head that he was knocked unconscious.

When Mrs. Johnson saw her husband strike his father she went into hysterics and became threatened with complete nervous breakdown.

BUILDING A PIGEON ASYLUM

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DIG UP \$3,000 ON FARM

Heirs of Eastern Woman Dying at 97 Act on Sealed Instructions.

Allentown, Pa.—Instructions left in a sealed packet led the heirs of Miss Sallie Hennihoff of this city, who died two weeks ago, to dig up the ground of her two farms near Lynn, at places minutely described, where they have unearthed over \$3,000 in gold and bank notes.

SET KING TREE IN NEW YORK

Park Authorities Replace Royal English Oak Planted by Edward VII.

New York.—A royal English oak tree has been set in Central park as the official successor of one planted by the late king Edward VII, when he visited the United States in 1860.

FISH SUPPORT TOWN

Anchovy Found in Large Quantities in Holland.

Fact is Not Widely Known—Supposition That Mediterranean Sea Has Monopoly of Industry is Erroneous.

The Hague, Holland.—The coast of arms of Enkhuizen, one of the dead cities of the Zuyder zee, bears three silver fishes, which, it is explained, are anchovies; for Enkhuizen owed a great part of its prosperity to the anchovy fisheries.

It is generally supposed that the anchovy is caught exclusively in the Mediterranean sea, so it comes as a surprise to most people to hear that it is so largely caught off the coast of Holland.

There have, however, been considerable lapses of time when no anchovies at all appeared, and when it was feared that the Dutch fisher folk had lost their means of earning a livelihood, then, suddenly, without any apparent reason the shoals of fish again became regular visitors.

Formerly the method of capturing a shoal of anchovy consisted in stretching an enormous net with small meshes between two boats. This net touched the sea bottom. Then the boats hoisted sail and the more wind there was the better pleased were the fishermen.

The anchovy brings plenty of work for many another category of persons than the regular fishermen. For the fish have to be cleaned, salted and packed into casks.

The herring fishers also often secure millions of anchovy near the coasts of Holland. For as soon as they perceive a shoal coming their way they will fix anchovy netting into their herring net, and so often secure almost miraculous hauls.

MONKEYS BURNED TO DEATH

Menagerie Burns and Animals, Unable to Escape From Cages, Huddle Together and Are Smothered.

London.—Ten valuable monkeys and two dogs were the victims of a fire in a menagerie in Hackford road, Brixton.

Shut up for the night in cages (three or four in each), the animals had no opportunity of escape, and, although the fire brigade were on the scene within a few minutes and the fire quickly put out, it was too late to save them.

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