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WHEN MOTHER DIED.

We folded tenderly those quiet hands... When mother died, and softly smoothed the silken, silvery bands...

MAJOR HASTINGS LETTER.

His Visit to Spain.—Madrid.—An Exciting Bull Fight.—The People and the Money Question. Special correspondence to the WATCHMAN.

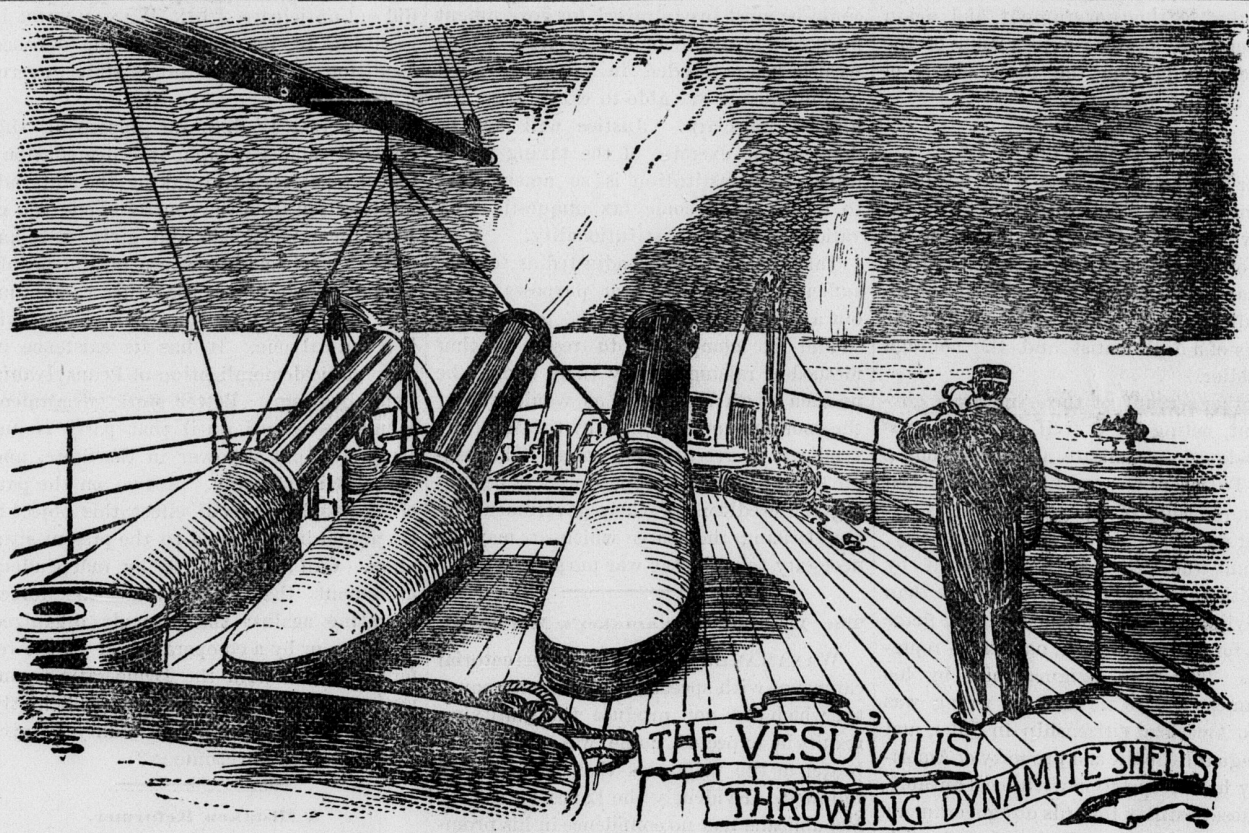
seated, or hang on by their eyelids, chattering like magpies. It's a country circus and a Fourth of July multiplied by a thousand. The mules and donkeys are decorated with all sorts of ribbons, fringes, tassels and streamers.

then he runs round the corridor head up, looking at the crowd defiantly and is at last caught again into the arena. All the spectators stand up and wildly gesticulating yell like madmen. The banderilleros and capadores renew the attack; one twists his tail, another blinds him by throwing his capa over his horns, a third using his lance as a spring pole jumps over the bull's back, then throws his lance at the animals feet, in which it becomes entangled, and the bull snaps it like a pipe stem as he runs.

finer. He kept his word better than kings usually do. The Escorial is built in the form of a giron, on which legend says, the good saint was martyred. I have been in the tunnel out in the glacier at Grindelwald and it is cosy and warm there compared with the sepulchral, hyperborean, pleurisy and catarrh-laden air of the Pantheon in the Escorial. The kings of Spain are buried there—that is to say, those who left heirs. Alfonso XII is now buried there; his son the present king having been born five months after his death, sepulture there was originally refused.

(octroi) brought into cities and towns. In addition to these the sale has been decreed by the Cortes of various national properties and the timber of public lands. One of the governmental incomes is the amount paid in each case for substitutes by the conscripted. This money is paid to the government, and varies from 1,500 to 2,000 pesetas, equalling 300 to 400 dollars for each substitute provided. Sixty thousand substitutes have been bought, bringing in to the Treasury more than 110,000,000.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. Miss Sophronisa Breckinridge, who has just been made a fellow in the Department of physical science of the University of Chicago, is the eldest daughter of Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge. Japanese screens were never so popular. The black ones embroidered in gold are most appropriate for the dining room or library, while for the parlor very handsome ones of white satin embroidered in colored silk are shown.



THE VESUVIUS THROWING DYNAMITE SHELLS

the ladies wave their handkerchiefs, clap their hands; the band strikes up; the scene is past painting. The *spada* is again a handsome man, dressed like a figure in the "Barber of Seville," followed by *banderilleros*, *capadores*, *picadores* and *chulos*. It would much exceed my limits to describe their costumes; every color and material, satin, silk, velvet, laces, fringes, ribbons, all increasing the harmonious effect.

As to the negotiations for a commercial treaty, it is my solid opinion that Spain is playing with the United States. They want to get the war first, and then accord, in a commercial treaty, just what they please, resisting the claims of the United States, which, frankly, are exorbitant, and, if accorded, would make the island more American than Spanish.

ing down by the aid of a rope when overtaken. The exact location of the slide is given at two and half miles above Sheep Camp and 100 yards above the Oregon Improvement Company's power house. Here an immense gorge rises at a very steep incline into the hills, and it was down this the avalanche came. The telephone office here has been thronged all day and night with people anxious to get some word of friends believed to have been in the disaster.