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Salutes on a War-ship.

None are Fired Between Sunset and Sunrise and None Exceed Twenty-One Guns.

In July St. Nicholas Lieutenant Philip Andrews, U. S. N., writes of "Ceremonies and Etiquette on a Man-of-War." Lieutenant Andrews says:

No salute exceeds twenty-one guns, and no salute is ever fired except between sunrise and sunset, when the national colors must be displayed; but it is also usual not to fire salutes before 8 a. m. Whenever the President is embarked in a ship-of-war flying his flag, all other United States ships-of-war, and naval stations near which he passes, will fire the national salute.

Side-boys are detailed usually from the apprentice boys. They stand on each side of the gangway, in line, and salute by touching their caps as visiting officials come on board or leave. Commissioned officers board and leave a ship by the starboard gangway. Warrant officers, naval cadets, and enlisted men use the port gangway.

After nightfall, all boats coming close to the ship are hailed by the marine sentry or by the quartermaster with the words, "Boat ahoy!" A flag-officer answers, "Flag!" a commanding officer answers the name of his ship; other commissioned officers answer, "Aye, aye!"; warrant officers and naval cadets answer, "No, no!"; while enlisted men answer, "Hello!"

Every officer and man, on reaching the upper deck, salutes the national flag, and this salute is returned by the officer of the watch at hand.

Flag-officers are addressed by their titles of admiral or commodore; captains and commanding officers are called "Captain"; all other officers are called "Mr.," and not by their official titles, though in addressing them in writing these titles are always used. The surgeons, however, are usually called "Doctor," and postmasters of any grade "Paymaster."

Boat salutes are given by tossing oars, which means holding them upright in the air with the blades fore and aft; or by lying on oars, by which is meant holding the oars horizontal as they rest in the rowlocks. Coxswains of boats stand and salute when passing boats containing officers. All officers and men, whether in uniform or not, meeting a senior afloat or ashore, salute by touching the cap.

When a ship of the navy enters a port of any nation where there is a fort or battery, or where a ship of war of that nation may be lying, she shall fire a salute of twenty-one guns, provided the captain is satisfied that the salute will be returned. The flag of the nation saluted will be displayed at the main during the salute.

National airs of foreign states having war-vessels in company with our own will be played by our bands as a compliment.

Self-Made Men.

Columbus began life as a common sailor, he who gave a new world to the old; Shakespeare was born of humble parents, who to their dying day could neither read nor write; Bandoecio, probably the most learned man of the sixteenth century, began life as an itinerant cobbler; John Bunyan, who wrote the grandest allegory ever produced, was a common tinker by trade; William Cobbett, the great master of Saxon English, was in youth a stable boy; Oliver Cromwell the greatest ruler England ever knew, was the son of a brewer; Cardinal Wolsey was a butcher's boy, but became the prime minister of Henry the eighth; Sir Richard Arkwright, the great inventor, began life as a baker; Sir Thomas Lawrence, the immortal painter, was an inn-keeper's boy; James Brindley, one of the earliest and greatest of British engineers, was a miller; Claude Lorraine, that glorious artist whose name is a synonym for beauty, was in youth a pastry cook; Hogart, the famous satirical painter, was a silversmith's apprentice; Virgil, the most illustrious of all the Latin poets, was the son of a street porter; Terence, whose plays are still sacred in classic literature after two thousand years, was a slave; Isaac Walton, most delightful and faithful of biographers, was a linen draper; Abbott, Archbishop of Canterbury, was the son of a poor mechanic, and Dr. Pridaoux, who rose to the dignity of Bishop of Worcester, was in youth a kitchen boy.

How the instances of these self-made men multiply as memory unrolls the canvases, illustrating the fact that not among the favored children of fortune are we to look for those whom the world has delighted to honor. Hardship, it would seem, is the native soil of manhood and self-reliance. Shall we glance still further among the suggestive lives of these characters? Canova, the famous sculptor, was the son of a day laborer; Hiram Powers, eminent in the same glorious art, was a Vermont farm boy, and Chanterey, equally remarkable, was a carpenter's apprentice; Thomas Ball, who has given Boston several monuments that will make him famous as long as bronze and granite endure, once swept out the Boston museum; Ben Franklin, philosopher, statesman, patriot, was a printer's devil; Elibu Burritt, the ripe scholar and unequalled linguist, was a horsehoer; Girard, the merchant prince, banker, philanthropist, was a cabin boy on an ocean packet, and John Jacob Astor, was in youth a hardworking mechanic. But why multiply examples? Do we not see that birth is but a shadow, and that courage and genius need no ancestors?

What Blue Blood is.

The Aristocratic Phrase is of old Spanish Origin.

The Baltimore Sun gives this account of the origin of a common phrase; blue blood, in the sense of aristocratic blood, is from the Spanish sangre azul, which implies the notion that some of the oldest and proudest families of Spain, never tainted by intermarriage with the Moorish invaders, kept their blood of purer tint than that of the common people. Prescott, the American historian, in one of his works on Spanish history, speaks of the "anxiety shown by the modern Spanish to prove that the sangre azul blue blood, flows through his veins, uncontaminated by any Moorish or Hebrew taint."

Before the invasion of the Moors the kings and nobles of Spain were almost without exception descendants of the Gothic conquerors of the Pyrenean Peninsula, who retained the blonde hair and the pale complexion of the German race. Among the fair-haired people the veins are usually visible on the hand as well as upon the forehead. They appear of a bluish tint, while the blood vessels of the dark-haired races, with olive-colored complexions, cannot be seen through the skin. The ignorant masses of the subjected tribes believe the blood of the blonde races to be really blue.

Limit of Victoria's Power.

She is an Autocrat but There is Much She Cannot Do.

Considerable as are the powers of the Queen, they are not unlimited. There are some very curious restrictions on the royal prerogative. The Queen cannot, for instance, communicate with her subjects as can the most menial of her servants; nor can she receive presents from her people save through officers of state or friends personally known to her majesty.

The Queen could sell or give away the royal navy or declare war with Russia; but she could not spend a single farthing of public money without the consent of Parliament. The Queen has no power over taxation, and could not create any new office with fees attached to it. Neither could she annex new fees to old offices. She could not increase the wages of one of her footmen, unless she did it out of her private funds or without exceeding the allowance made to her by Parliament.

A curious curtailment of the royal prerogative is effected by an act of Parliament passed in the reign of George III. This act deals with Sabbath breaking, and in it it is distinctly stated that the monarch cannot pardon offenders who have been convicted of a certain form of Sabbath breaking. Yet her majesty could pardon 99 per cent. of all the prisoners in the land.

Though no act of Parliament is complete until it has been signed by the Queen, her majesty is subject to the laws that she signs, and cannot issue a proclamation contrary to law.

Though the Queen could recall any subject from abroad, she cannot compel any subject to leave his country. This disability does not cease to operate even in time of war, though at such a time the Queen could call upon every able man to take up arms, she could not force a single civilian to leave the country, even to carry on a necessary war.

Though her decision is absolute after a prisoner has been sentenced, she could not interfere with the course of justice before the sentence has passed, nor could she exert any influence over the judges. Neither could she interfere in a case of private as opposed to public wrong.

The Queen is the only person who cannot arrest a suspected felon. No action can be taken against her for breaking the law, and therefore she is precluded from making an arrest, as supposing the suspected prisoner were innocent, no action for false imprisonment could be taken against her majesty. The law, indeed, assumes that the Queen can do no wrong, which seems about as absurd as the legal assumption that the Queen cannot be under age, and cannot die.

The Queen cannot exclude a member from Parliament after he has been duly elected, nor can she delegate the duty of signing laws to any one.

The Queen's power of disposing of territory in time of peace has been disputed. In time of war her majesty could hand over London to France to bring the war to an end, but it seems clear that in time of peace her majesty cannot subject any part of the empire to the sway of a foreign power.—London Tit-Bits.

Imperialism Unconstitutional.

At a meeting of the Ohio Bar association at Put-in-Bay, on the 12th inst., ex-Attorney General Judson Harmon spoke on the question of territorial acquisition by the United States.

After justifying the war with Spain on the high ground of humanity, Mr. Harmon discussed the nation's new territorial policy as a constitutional right. His contention was that "no authority to acquire territory, anywhere, is expressly granted. Jefferson thought the book of the constitution had to be closed while he bought Louisiana. It is depended upon subsequent approval by an amendment, the form of which he prepared. The Federalists, except Hamilton, agreed with his construction, though they condemned his course. The purchase of Florida, in connection with the fixing of our boundary with Spain west of the Mississippi river which extended our domain to the Pacific, north of California. Then we annexed Texas, and by conquest, confirmed by treaty, pushed our frontiers Southward. Soon after we made the Gadsden purchase from Mexico, giving our present Southern boundary. Then we bought Alaska.

"The power has been established by general acquiescence in these precedents. The courts have said it is implied from the war and treaty powers, and that there has been occasion to define the limits which are fixed for this, as for all implied powers, by the necessity which alone justifies the implication.

"If those who drew and adopted the constitution meant to grant the power of acquisition to all, it was only by implication, and every expression, every circumstance of its history, show it was merely to make room at home for our own people—for growth to the visible boundaries which nature marks for every great nation, outside of which it can only go as a conqueror. Mere expansion is not growth. It is only swelling. We may push across the seas, but we cannot grow there. Elephantiasis is not an unknown form of national malady, and we have always feared fatal. There are still chapters of English history to be written.

"We should have to change both the name and the nature of our nation to admit of any state out of America, especially if it is populated by alien races.

A Rat With a Wooden Leg.

A rat with a wooden leg is a curiosity, as curiosities go nowadays. Yet such an animal can be seen any day at a certain residence in the southwestern section of the city. A short time ago Willie, the son of the house, a lad of twelve years, found a little rodent in a trap in the cellar. His first impulse was to brain the pest with a base ball bat, but the rat looked at him so pleadingly that Willie's heart was touched and he decided to take the trap to an adjoining vacant lot and liberate the animal. This he did, but instead of scampering off, as he expected, the rat limped painfully up to him and began to lick his hands. Willie then discovered that one of the animal's legs had been amputated at the joint. Taking the rat home, he cut the leg off and then bandaged the wound, using as a liniment a little vasoline. He then put the rat into a cage and carefully fed and nursed it for a week. He then removed the bandage and found that the wound had completely healed. The rat was however, unable to walk, and Willie decided he would make for it an artificial leg. Going down to the cellar, he obtained a piece of pine, and after some whittling succeeded in making a leg. This he fastened on with a string, and was delighted to see that his plan was entirely successful. The rat is now the family pet and can be seen any day hobbling about the kitchen or teasing a little Irish terrier, of which it has made a life-long friend.—Philadelphia Times.

Interesting Facts.

—Only one man in 203 is over six feet in height.

—Many of the elephants of Abyssinia are without tusks.

—In Portugal married women retain their maiden names.

—The people of London are computed to spend \$6,000,000 daily.

—Two-thirds of Spain's population can neither read nor write.

—Crosus, of ancient times, possessed about \$20,000,000.

—Perru's anthropology has been the theme of 3,000 books.

—The flower trade of London exceeds in value \$10,000,000 per annum.

—The population of Russia is increasing at the rate of over 1,000,000 a year.

—England carries about 58 per cent of the sea-borne merchandise of the world.

—A doctor says that the growth of children takes place entirely when they are asleep.

—There is more exertion used in running 200 yards than in riding a bicycle four miles.

—The coast line of Spain extends 1,317 miles—712 on the Mediterranean and 605 on the Atlantic.

—Some elephants can lift 15 tons, lift 10 hundredweight and carry on their backs three tons.

—One county of Florida alone, Volusia has an average annual output of 360,000 pounds of honey.

—It is said that about 50,000 servant girls go from the German provinces to Berlin every year.

—In the United States there are no fewer than 13 different varieties of the Presbyterian church family.

—Scientists say that the orange was formerly a berry, and that it has been developing for over 7,000 years.

—The toll on an ordinary ship passing through the Suez Canal averages about \$4,000. The distance is 92 miles.

—The Japanese bride gives her wedding presents to her parents as some slight recompense for their trouble in rearing her.

—The outside walls of many of the houses in Mexico are from three to six feet thick, to withstand earthquake shocks.

—It is a strange fact that injuries to the tongue, whether of man or animal, heal more quickly than those of any other part of the system.

—There is 87 per cent of water and 13 per cent of solids in milk. The sugar in the solids is in greater proportion than in any other solid.

—The best houses in the city of Manila are of stone and are handsome residences. Glass is not used for the windows, which are glazed with translucent oyster shells.

—Any Spaniard over the age of 19 is liable to be called into military service for three years. By the payment of 1,500 pesetas (\$300) he can escape military duty.

—A meteoric stone weighing four tons fell on a warehouse in Fiume, Austria and set it on fire. The stone crashed through the house and was found buried in the cellar.

—From youth to far beyond middle age Humboldt seldom slept more than two hours a day. From the time he was 70 until his death, at the age of 90, he slept four hours a day.

—To be classed as a millionaire in the United States a man must be worth at least \$1,000,000; in England he must have five times as much, or \$5,000,000; in Germany 1,000,000 marks, or \$250,000.

—The succulent sausage was invented in Germany in the year 897. It was first made of a goat's stomach stuffed with blood and little pieces of fat. Chopped pork was not used until the tenth century.

—The earliest known statue is one that has been recovered from an Egyptian tomb. It is that of a Sheikh, or head man of a village, is made of wood, with eyes of glass and is evidently a portrait. It is 6,000 years old.

—To populate the section of country through which the Canadian railroad runs the Russian government offers the cheapest railroad fares ever announced. A through ticket for 1,200 miles will be furnished for 8 shillings, or for over 4,000 miles 14 shillings 6 pence.

—In the City of Durango, Mexico, is an iron mountain 640 feet high and the iron is from 60 to 70 per cent pure. The metallic mass spreads in all directions for a radius of three or four miles. The entire deposit is sufficient to supply all the iron required in the world for 1,000 years.

—At the first Paris Exposition in 1798 there were only 110 exhibitors; at the second, in 1801, there were 220; at the fourth, in 1806, there were 1,422, and at the eighth, in the reign of Louis Philippe, there were 2,247. The first world's fair in Paris was in 1855. At the exposition of 1889 there were 55,486 exhibitors and 32,500,000 visitors.

—A faint idea may be formed of the extent to which Sebastopol was fired upon by the allied armies and fleets when it is stated that from a tax of six pence per hundred-weight, which the Russian government levied upon the proceeds of the sales of old iron, steel and shell, picked up and sold by the people, a sum of nearly 15,000 pounds was realized.

—Mortality among hospital nurses is startling. It has been ascertained that a healthy girl of 17, devoting herself to hospital nursing, dies on an average 31 years sooner than a girl of the same age moving among the general population. A hospital nurse at the age of 25 has the same expectation of life as a person at the age of 58 in the ordinary community.

—A traveler who visited the Sandwich Islands recently claims to have discovered among the natives there "the laziest people on earth." He writes that during his visit to one of the islands none of the inhabitants did any work to speak of. They squatted, chatted, laughed, played and acted in other ways more like a lot of little folks on a summer evening than the responsible heads of households. Nature gives them enough to eat without any considerable labor, and they seem contented with what they thus receive.

—One of the most beautiful sights in the world is the annual migration of butterflies across the isthmus of Panama. Where they come from or whether they go to no one knows, and though many distinguished naturalists have attempted to solve the problem, it is still as strange a mystery as it was to the first European traveler who observed it. Toward the end of June a few scattered specimens are discovered flitting out to sea, and as the days go by the numbers increase, until about July 14th or 15th the sky is occasionally almost obscured by myriads of these frail insects.

Chautauqua.

On July 29th the Pennsylvania railroad company will run another special excursion from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Reading, Altoona, Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Shamokin, Wilkesbarre, Sunbury and Williamsport, and principal intermediate stations and stations on the Delaware division, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, and on the Cumberland valley railroad to Chautauqua, N. Y. Special train will start from Harrisburg at 11:35 a. m. Connecting trains will leave Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 5:50 a. m., arriving at Chautauqua about 10:30 a. m. Round-trip tickets, good to return on regular trains not earlier than August 8th nor later than August 31st, will be sold at rate of \$10.00 from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and at proportionate rates from other stations.

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A Narrow Escape.

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