

FARE ONE DOLLAR.

He Was a Quiet-looking Man, but He Knew How to Shoot.

The ticket agent at Big Bend was not the man for the place, and he realized it as well as many others.

"Ticket for Black Hill, and don't waste too much time over it!"

"He's the softest thing in these yere parts. I'm not going to buy any more tickets, but I'll scare 'em outer him."

"You won't take it with this thing behind it?" continued Bill, as he showed the coin along with the muzzle of his gun.

"No, sir, and—" There was a pop! pop! and six bullets were chasing each other into William's anatomy.

"Without a word in reply we picked Bill up and lugged him off. He was also a very silent man. We had got him all bandaged up and put to bed before he was ready to talk, and then simply inquired:

"Boys, who did all that shootin'?"

"Why, the feller you said you could juff," answered one of the boys.

"—! but I thought I did!" he rowled as he turned his face to the wall and shed tears.—Washington Star.

Beyond Doubt.

Among the many good things told some years ago of Colonel Utley, well known as a Wisconsin editor, and also as the hero of more than one military story, is a little incident which illustrates his ability to make a good-natured joke.

During the war, while Colonel Utley was in command of a Wisconsin regiment stationed in Kentucky, he attained some notoriety by allowing his men to harbor and protect a poor negro boy who had escaped from his master. The boy came north and the master brought suit for his value against Colonel Utley.

One day the colonel went from his home to Milwaukee, and while there he met a friend who asked him how his case was progressing.

"Very well," replied the colonel. "I think I shall win it, although I have the smartest lawyer at the Milwaukee bar against me."

"Why, he isn't our smartest lawyer by any means," said the friend, with evident surprise.

"Oh, certainly he is," responded the colonel, with conviction.

"How do you know?" persisted his friend.

"Know! Why, man alive, he acknowledged it himself!"

How Cloth is Made Waterproof.

Eight Millions to Run Ships.

Immense Cost of Keeping War Ships in Commission.

It has taken nearly eight millions of dollars for the past year for the Government to maintain 60 war ships in commission—that is, to keep them in fighting trim, officered adequately and manned by a sufficient crew.

The most expensive ship of the navy has been the cruiser New York, which has cost the United States \$412,807 to keep in commission.

The ship which cost most next to the New York was the Olympia, upon which the Government expended \$332,000. Next most expensive was the Columbia, \$319,000, and Minneapolis, \$308,000.

The ship upon which most repairs were made while it remained in commission was the Boston, which cost the Government \$66,000. The Dolphin, used mainly for excursion purposes, cost the Government \$103,859. It cost \$61,000 to pay the officers and men who are stationed on the ship.

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

End of the Poet.

The poet sat tearing his light, scanty hair, and his face was much twisted with woe. He was writing a rhyme on the "Passage of Time," but the work was most awkwardly slow.

To the genius of poetry long then he prayed, and he dotted the floor with black ink; he the publishers cursed with remorseless disgust, and thought thoughts of a terrible think.

"Oh, why does the rhyme come so slowly?" he wailed. "And why won't the wretched words fit?"

Has parais again struck my wonderful brain? If this thing keeps on I will quit."

He is writing of fall and its beautiful leaves, and with "walnuts" a line does complete; then with look of despair and a cuss and a swear, he falls dead at his very own feet.

This little he cares for the world and its woes, for the swift, rapid winging of time. The poet dropped dead, at least so 'twas said, because with "walnuts" he nothing could rhyme.

A young friend says he saw some queer things on the streets the other day. He saw a watch spring, a horse fly, a match box, a peanut stand and a cat fish. While watching them he saw some alligator's hide shoes, and another fellow came along and said that while out in the country he heard the bark of a tree—actually saw the tree bark—saw it hollow and commenced to leave. He also saw a farmer seize the trunk of another tree for board. These things sound strange, but are not harder to believe than the story of a member of the Guards, who said he saw a uniform smile.—Bainbridge (Ga.) Democrat.

A Man Who Goes Without Sleep.

M. B. Cowdrick, a resident of Bradford township, Clearfield county, is so afflicted with an ailment that he can remain awake day and night for ten days without effort. He seldom sleeps more than two hours at a time. Mr. Cowdrick's ailment is an affection of the nerves, and he suffers excruciating pains incessantly. He was quite a wealthy man eleven years ago, when first attacked, but most of his money has been spent for medicines and treatment. For patent medicines he has expended over \$2000.

A Bag of Money, But No Owner.

Several Claim the Right to the \$4,000 Found at York, Pa.

No person has turned up to claim the money discovered by Edward S. Spangler under a raft of J. B. Hovis' barn, near York, while removing the roof. Wm. C. Solomon, who snatched the bag away from Spangler, and who was afterward arrested by Constable Rider some distance from the scene, disputes Spangler's claim to the money, which amounts to about \$4,000. The owner of the property, Mr. Hovis, also lays claim to the money.

The bag containing the money has the appearance of having been in its hiding place for a quarter of a century. During the rebellion, when General John B. Gordon, now United States Senator from Georgia, invaded York with a part of General Early's division of the Confederate army, a large number of the leading citizens of York retreated through Innersville with their valuables, and it is supposed that the bag of money was hidden away in the barn by one of those refugees.

The Seven Golden Cities.

The "Seven Golden Cities," one of the most popular legends of the latter part of the Dark Ages, were said to be situated on an island west of the African coast. The island is represented as abounding in gold, with magnificent houses and temples, "the high towers of which show at a great distance." The legend also relates that at the time of the conquest of Spain and Portugal by the Moors, when the inhabitants fled in every direction to escape slavery, seven bishops, followed by a great number of people, took to ships and put boldly out on the high seas. After tossing about for some time they landed on an unknown island, the famous spot which in after years became the seat of the "Seven Golden Cities."

"This island," Heylyn says, "was exactly in midocean." After all had landed safely, the wise old bishops burned the ships to prevent their followers from deserting and founded the cities which have become so famous in song and story. This mysterious island was often sought by the early navigators. Those who went in search of it and never returned were popularly believed to have been detained by its inhabitants.—St. Louis Republic.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, vs. FRANK J. CHENEY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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McKinley Touched the Button.

At exactly 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon President elect McKinley touched an electric button at Canton which lighted a fire in furnace B at the works of the Tonawanda N. Y. Iron and Steel company. The lighting of the furnace means work for 450 men. The manner of igniting the fires was unique. Electric wires were strung around the furnace, and at each of the seven openings an incandescent lamp was placed with a portion of the glass removed. Powder was poured around the films, and above this was suspended cotton waste saturated with oil, which ignited ten cords of wood and several hundred tons of coke inside the furnace. When the button was touched at Canton it completed an electric circuit at the furnace, the incandescent lamp films ignited the powder, which in turn ignited the cotton waste.

Eat Apples Before Retiring.

Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple has remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. It is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculous growths, while it relieves indigestion and is one of the best preventives known for diseases of the throat. No harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples before retiring for the night.—Bulletin of Pharmacy.

War With Spain Possible.

This country must be prepared for war with Spain. It is not certain that war will come, but it is more than possible and may be regarded as probable. If peace between Spain and the United States be interrupted, it will not be by any fault on the part of our government, but war will come, if it shall come, because of the extreme necessities of Spain which are likely to lead to a war with the United States to enable Spain to survive the surrender of Cuba.

It is now nearly two years since Gomez and Maceo landed on the island of Cuba with a force consisting of but 28 men all told. Since then the rebellion has progressed steadily until to-day it is in absolute control of two-thirds of the island of Cuba, and there is not a single province in which the Spanish have undisputed possession. The insurgent armies number fully 50,000 men under the most accomplished generals, who are thoroughly experienced in Cuban warfare, and perfectly understand the topography of the country from one end of the island to the other. These armies are now equipped with modern arms, artillery and ammunition, and at no time in the history of the rebellion has the Cuban cause been as strong as it is to-day. The positions occupied by the insurgents appear to be impregnable, and it seems entirely safe to assume that General Weyler will fail in his present campaign against Maceo.

Even if General Weyler were to defeat Maceo and practically destroy his army, it would not even be the beginning of the end of the rebellion. There would yet remain the army of Gomez with double or treble the force commanded by Maceo, and with undoubted ability to continue the war indefinitely. In point of fact, the overthrow of the insurgent forces by any number of troops that Spain can send to Cuba seems to be an utter impossibility, and the continuance of the war must be simply a continuance of the most barbarous conflict of modern times.

Spain cannot prosecute the war another year. Her credit is exhausted; her resources for men are nearly exhausted, and it must be evident even to the stupidity that rules in Spain that the Cuban people cannot be conquered. To subdue the Cuban rebellion must require the absolute extermination of the Cuban people and the complete desolation of the island. With the rebellion overthrown and the Cuban population and productive property entirely destroyed, of what value would Cuba be to Spain?

The time has come when this nation cannot remain neutral for an extended period. What action the present administration may take we are not advised, but it must be evident that Spain is unable to suppress this rebellion, and whenever that conclusion shall be excepted, the duty of the civilized nations of the world becomes clear to interpose and halt the fiendish butchery that has so long disgraced the civilization of the age. That President Cleveland will take some measure to arrest this cruel and bargarious war with Cuba, we do not doubt, but if he shall fail to take decisive measures, the new administration of President McKinley will doubtless recognize the belligerent rights of the Cubans even at the cost of a war with Spain. The sympathies of the American people are so universally with Cuba in the struggle that they cannot continue in a neutral attitude.

We believe that Spain, regarding the conquest of the Cuban insurgents as utterly hopeless, may seize upon some pretext for a declaration of war against the United States, not so much for the purpose of waging war to gain any distinct advantage by the issue, but under cover of which to retire from the contest in Cuba with the semblance of dignity and respect among the nations of the world. A war with the United States would result in the early conquest of Cuba by this government, and with Cuba in the possession of the United States, peace would likely be accomplished on some basis for the independence of Cuba that would enable Spain to retire from the contest with some measure of self respect. It is this reason, and this alone, that may give us war with Spain, and if war shall come, it will mean simply that Spain has decided to surrender Cuba under the veil of a treaty of peace with the United States.—Phila. Times.

Why Attempt to Cure

catarrh by the use of so called blood remedies? That catarrh is not caused by blood troubles is self-evident when you reflect that attacks are always due to sudden climatic changes or exposure, and occur most frequently during the winter and spring, though the blood is as pure then as in summer or fall. A remedy which quickly relieves and cures the catarrhal attacks has been found in Ely's Cream Balm.

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