## THE VOLTA BLOWN UP

COL. COLT SUPERVISED THE RE-MARKABLE EXHIBITION.

Forty Thousand Saw the First Explosion By the Ald of Electricity-The Secretary of War Was Present in Castle Garden.

The civilized world had a hearty laugh at the unique proposal that some one in authority arrange a naval battle between the United States and Spain outside the harbor of New York. It was received as the suggestion of a humorist. And yet there is no reason why a fierce encounter between the naval fleets would not furnish a grand spectacular demonstration in comparson with which yacht races would be the tamest of pastimes. The crowds the tamest of pastimes. The crow who would take all risks in order witness such an engagement would be anparalleled. To-day we consider it altra-sensational to have two engines run into each other to show how ter-rible a railroad collision may be, and if the crowds that visit a wreck long after It has taken place be an index to the **Yublic** appetite, fully half of New **York's** three millions would go upon the water to see a real naval battle.

Fifty-six years ago over 40.000 people Fifty-six years ago over 40,000 people witnessed the explosion of a steamer in New York harbor by Colonel Colt. This was one of the great events of sub-marine history, and in these com-paratively quiet times caused the ad-journment of Congress and the suspen-sion from his duties of no less a per-sonage than the Secretary of War. Though Robert Fulton was one of the first improvers of the torpedo, it is of generally known that Samuel Colt.

ot generally known that Samuel Colt, of the Colt revolver fame, was the father of the modern submarine battery in the days of President Tyler. Indeed the use of torpedoes in war "wwn to the days of Tyler was regarded win to the days of Tyter was regarded win the same nameless feeling of hor-ror as the Guy Fawkes story produced for three hundred years in England. In was considered an inhuman inven-tion due to "water-worms, fire-devils, and submarine assassins." Fulton himself was described by a squeamish was described by a squeamish armseit was described by a squeamish writer in the Naval Chronicle, as "a Trafty, murderous ruffian." But Pres-'dent Tyler took a different view of the submarine battery. He had an appro-priation of \$17,000 made to Colt for the perfection of his invention under the Pollowing discussed ranges. ollowing circumstances.

The Government placed a schooner at Solt's disposal in August, 1842, to ex-periment upon on the Potomac. The President, General Winfield Scott and he heads of the various Departments The heads of the various Departments n Washington took a day off to see 201 experiment on her. He destroyed the schooner from an observation ower on the banks of the Potomac while five miles distant; a feat which was then considered a most unparal-leied an extraordinary triumph of sci-He asserted that he could exance. plode a shell under water at a distance of ten miles by the same methods, and it was in order to produce such a feat that Congress voted the appropriation. Two months later, October 18, 1842.

Two months later, Octoper 18, 1842, Colt's battery produced a still more notable effect in New York Harbor in the presence of 40,000 citizens, who went down the Bay to see it with as much interest as they now would go o see a yacht race.

It is worth reproducing the report made in the Evening Post of October 19, 1842, of this event, not only to show the entire success of the experiment and the manner of reporting the events of that period, but to contrast the space afforded and the utter absence if that vivid description with a similar spectacular event of the present day lournalism:

"A vast multitude assembled vester-"A vast multitude assembled yester-iny afternoon to witness the explosion of Coli's Submarine battery placed un-der a vessel of 260 tons. The North Carolina, seventy-four, about four 'clock gave a salute of thirteen guns. immediately afterwards the signal for 'he explosion was given. The vesse rose bodily out of the water and then upparated into fragments which were thrown about seventy feet in the air. separated into fragments which were thrown about seventy feet in the air. The next moment nothing was seen of the rexcept a few pieces of the wreck which were floating on the water and of which the boats lying near hastened o possess themselves. 'The Secretary if War was present in Castle Garden.''

The name of the vessel was the brig The name of the vessel was the brig "Volta." The experiment was per-formed under the auspices of the American Institute, while Colonel Colt upplied the electric spark from a bat-iery on board the revenue cutter "Swing." It is also noteworthy, en passant, that other papers like the "Morning Courier and Inquirer." did not give a single line to this phenomenal triumph of American science;

CHILDREN'S TRAINING. Each Little One Needs Careful and Earnest Study.

The unformed characters of children The unformed characters of children are so different, that in a family of brothers and sisters no two are alike, and each little one needs careful and earnest study. This is the more im-portant if we remember what a wise man once said: --"Give me a child till it is six years old, and then it does not matter who comes after me." It is in-deed a fact that the salient points of the character take root during that ear-ily period of life and a little one of six who is hard-hearted, or untruthful, or spiteful, is exceedingly difficult to re-form. form.

A wise mother must discriminate jubetween natural juvenile failings and real naughtiness. There are so many acts and words which must not pass by unchecked, and yet do not deserve a censure or too much stress set upon them, and other offences which must never be overlooked.

which must never be overlooked. All healthy, strong, vivacious chil-iren are restless, wiltul, and mis-chievous in a greater or less degree. The boy of three years old, full of spirits, and the jole de vivre, often pitches his toys about in a reckless fashion very unsafe for the other deni-tens of the nursery. This, of course, must be stopped. At the same time, there is no naughtiness in the motive, and it need not call forth a punjehand it need not call forth a punish-ment, unless the youngster has rement, unless the youngster has re-peated the misdemeanor immediately after being cautioned.

ifter being cautioned. Very imaginative children, on the other hand, will circumstantially nar-rate incidents which they declare they have seen, or as having happened to themselves, and it is not easy to make them grasp the fact that this is a 'alsebood. The best way is to take 'or granted that it is a fiction, and any "Yes" dear that is a fiction. or granted that it is a hotion, and usy. "Yes, dear, that is a nice little itory you have made up. Now, shall mother read one, or can you make her 1p another?" In this way the child 'calizes that one may relate things not rue, if they are honestly labelled as such.

Always avoid arousing the violence of a really passionate child. Remem-ber that nine times out of ten it is the lisposition of you, your husband, or iome relative that has descended upon be little one, who is really more to be pitied than blamed. After a certain age one can reason with a child in its quiet moments, and explain the danger and pain of these headstrong outbursts, and assist it to learn the hard lesson of self-control; but a tiny mite is too young for this, and, if possible, without giving way weakly, by a lit-le tact and diverting the child's mind, he exhausting torrent of passion should be averted.

When very juvenile youngsters hold their breath in that alarming fashion in the middle of a cry, the quickest way to bring them round is to rub a wet sponge or flannel on the face; the Wet sponge or mannel on the face; the inexpected shock specifily produces the lesired effect. At the same time, this solding of the breath is hardly ever ttended with danger, though it ap-pears most appaling to anyone unacustomed to children.

The great secret of management lies, however, after all, in discipline. Have is few rules and regulations as you possibly can, but have those kept to he letter. Don't excuse any deviation herefrom, but insist with quiet firm-less on their fulfilment. The child dis-siplined to implicit obedience has earnt the hardest and most important esson of all.

About Prectous Stones. Agate quenches thirst, and if held in the mouth allays fever.

the mouth allays fever, All preclous stones are said to be surfiled by a bath in honey. Amber is a cure for sore throats and all glandular swellings. Amethyst banishes the desire for

irink and promotes chastity.

Cat's-eye is considered by the Cinga-ese as a charm against witch-craft, and to be the abode of some genil. Coral is a talisman against enchant-

nents, thunder, witchcraft, and perils by flood and field.

Diamond produces somnambulism nd promotes spiritual ecstasy. Emerald promotes friendship and constancy of mind.

Garnet preserves health and joy. Loadstone produces somnambulism, is dedicated to Mercury, and in metal-urgy stands for quicksilver. Moonstone has the virtue of making

moonstone has the virtue or making reces fruitful and of curing epilepsy. Onyx contains in it an imprisoned fevil, which wakes at sunset and auses terror to the wearer, disturb-ng with ugly dreams.

Opal is fatal to love, and sows discord between the giver and receiver. Sapphire produces somnambulism, and impels the wearer to all good

# HOW BICYCLES ARE USED IN WAR

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Armies of All Nations Supplied With the "Silent Steed.

Great progress has been made with the bicycle as an adjunct to military service both here and in European countries. Actual warfare, in which the value of the wheel could be thor-oughly tested, has not prevailed since the advection of the bingle but the are the adoption of the bicycle by the ar-mies of the great Powers, but enough experience has been gained to warrant the belief that it will be of vital importance in the next conflict. Proba-bility of hostilities with the armed forces of Spain has arouse' great pa-triotism in the breasts of American cy-clists, and many offers have been made the Government by wheelmen who desire to form bicycle companies and fight for their country. While the av-erage cyclist has an idea that the bi-rycle will greatly aid the army at some future day, he has little conception of how really useful it will prove if employed on lines now laid out. In the United States the military cy-

In the United States the military cy-list has attained considerable promi-sence, largely due, perhaps, to the gen-aral popularity of the bicycle. In En-gland, France, Russia and Germany, lowever, the army cyclists are in high avor and the service is constantly be-ing improved. General Miles has always been an enthusiastic advocate of the bicycle for military purposes, and this is one reason why it has reached such a state of perfection in our regılar army.

For courier service, scouting, road sketching, surveying and route recon-naissance he regards the bicycle as insideration that will help the bicycle as in-sideration that will help the bicycle service very much. It is a contriv-unce that will enable the soldier-cyclist o come to a stop and retain his seat. It keeps the wheel upright and firm, and is just the thing needed to give the wheel greater value in the eyes of army

The machines now in use in the reg-In a machines now in use in the reg-lar service, together with the usual squipment, tip the scales at about sev-inty pounds. This makes a heavy load or long fourneys, and the tendency low is to decrease the weight as much is possible without sacrificing the safeof the riders

The customary gear of the army wheels is 66½. Puncture-proof pneu-matic tires are used and every wheel has a brake, the weight of the outfit being such that it is almost impossible being such that it is almost impossible o stop by back-pedding when going lown hill. An ordinary prouse, with rousers and leggins, double-breasted hirts, felt hat and bleycle shoes con-tlutte the uniform of the army cy-liet list.

list. Throughout the country there are many cycle corps in National Guard egiments. Greater New York has half a dozen, the Thirteenth and Eight reg-ments comprising specially well-irilled companies. In the cycle corps of the National Guard each member urnishes his own machine. A variety if makes, therefore, provides a dissim-larity not observable in the corps of larity not observable in the corps of he regular army. The National Guard relation of the service finds (reat favor in the eyes of the militia-

It is said that within a short time a oill will be introduced in Congress aubill will be introduced in Congress au-horizing the purchase of a sufficient number of bicycles to supply each fort and military station in the country with ten machines. The bicycle in the Russian army has

peen a source of gratification to the Freat White Czar. The folding bicycle s used and the service has reached a

s used and the service has reached a ligh state of perfection. In the last nanoeuvres of the army the cyclists ippeared to such good advantage that he Czar commanded them to defile wice before him. They co-operate with the independent cavairy. As long ago as 1887 the French adop-ed the bicycle for use in military oper-tions. The folding machine is used, t being perferred to any other. It an be closed instantly and is suitable or rough work. Compagnie Gerard is he name of the French military cy-ling corps, so called after the inventor ling corps, so called after the inventor of the folding machine. It is divided nto two companies, each under the ommand of a lieutenant. Each com-many is divided into sections, each of which is in charge of a sergeant. A lue peajacket, a jersey of the same olor, red knickerbockers and cloth olor, red knickerbockers and cloth gatters complete the uniform. At couting, pursuing and harassing an nemy the French military cyclists are xecedingly well-trained and against in enemy would probably prove vary ffective.

Germany's military cycling corps isomprises several thousand experts in he use of the wheel. They are well-rained in map reading and revolver hring and some of them are fast rid-ITS. Naturally the latter would be de-

A SOMBRE EASTER The Moravians Celebrate the Day at the Cemetery.

Moravians as a body are the most cheerful and literal-minded of Chris-tians. When a Moravian repeats from the creed. "I believe in the resurrection of the body," he makes no mental reservations As in the grave all men are equal, there are no monuments in Moravian cemeteries; rich and poor alike have

on Easter morning the cemetery of a Moravian village is the scene of the most significant portion of the church these marvelous gymnastical feats. service. At the first sign of dawn a band of trumpeters, their instruments being in accord with the Scriptural de-scription of the general scouring on scription of the general arousing on Resurrection Day, gather on the roof or in the tower of the church and play until, all believers are awakened. Shortly afterward the services begin in the churcn. The time and the cere-monios are so arranged that the culmination of the service shall be at sun rise

A few moments before sunrise the congregation, led by the pastor and the trumpeters, file out of the church and narch to the cemetery. The throng clusters at the eastern end of the grounds and the service is resumed; as the sun rises, the concluding words of the pastor are spoken, and the trum pets raise a joyous anthem in which the entire congregation joins.

In an out-of-the-way part of West-moreland, a old farmer, well known for his miserly habits, in order to save the candles, used to give the farm hands

sion to hire another farm-hand, name

the other laborers as a wild and reckthe other laborers as a wild and reck-less sort of character, and always ready for mischief, was informed how matters stood That night at supper, which consist-

ed of porriage, Tam took his seat on the right-hand side of the farmer, and, watching his opportunity, quickly plunged a spoonful of hot porridge into the farmer's mouth. The farmer jumped up with a roar of agony, and

jumped up with a roar of agony, and demanded an explanation. "Weel, fairmer," replied Tam, "it's sne daurk, Ah couldn't tell whaur Ah was pittin' it. Ah thocht it was i' my nooth

After that the farmer always took good care to have the kitchen well lighted.

#### The Origin of a Name.

games and mechanical toys of all kinds are apt to make the hatching of the eggs on Easter day an exceedingly en-joyable occupation for the children.

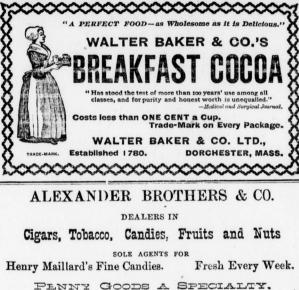
The lovely Marechal Niel rose owes its name to the Empress Eugenie. When General Niel returned from the scene of his triumphs over the Austrians in Italy after the battles of Solferino and Magenta a poor man gave him a basket filled with exquisite yel-low roses. The general had a cutting struck from one of the blooms, and when the rose tree from it had grown when the rose tree from it and grown he took it to the Empress Eugenie. She was charmed with the gift, but when she asked the name of the rose, she was told that it was unknown. "Ah!" she said. "I will give it a name; it shall be the Marcehal Niel." By this she conveyed to the gallant officer that he had been made a marshal of France for his services to the country, as well as naming the lovely blossom.

### To Clean Shoes.

Orange juice is an excelient cleanser of black boots and shoes. A slice of orange should be rubbed upon the shoe or boot, and as soon as it is dry should or boot, and as soon as it is dry should be brushed with a soft brush until it shines brightly. The inside of a ba-nana skin will be found most offering for cleaning tan shoes, the skin being rubbed all over the shoe, which should be carefully wiped with a soft cloth, and then brickly polished with a flan-nel clicht. Patient leather boots of and then briskly polished with a flan-nel cloth. Patent leather boots of shoes should never be touched with blacking. They are the most difficult of all boots to keep in good order, and require constant care. A damp sponge rubbed over them, and an application of a little sweet oll or vaseline after they have been thoroughly dried will keep them soft and bright, and prevent them eracking.

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Regarding the Philippines "there A great portion of subterranean Par-is honeycombed with catacombs consistently pursue," a Philadelphia ing

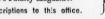
Word from Harrisburg says that the Adjutant-General's department is making out the pay rolls of the late National Guard, and it is expected that all of the work will be completed by next week. Those of the Guard who were ac-

State Troops' Pay Roll-

cepted by the government and enter-ed the volunteer service will be paid up to the day they were mustered in, while those who were at the camp and did not enlist or were rejected will be paid up to the time the order was issued serding them to their homes.

Owing to the fact that the Guard had a real service camp, there will be no encampments of any kind held this year, and the money for that pur-pose will be used to pay the expenses of the State incurred in calling the Guard to Camp Hastings.

To give you an opportunity of test-





# ANELS. A Speedy Cure.

candles, used to give the farm hands their supper in semi-farkness. The laborers grumbled at this, but the farmer took no notice. Things went on much in the same way for some time, till the farmer had occa-

Tam Waring. Tam, who was well known to some of

		ailed to messenger service in active	which were once used as burying-	newspaper thinks "One is to return	Balm, the most reliable cure for
ave a whole column to a foreign dis-	Topaz is favorable to hemorrhages,	ield duty.		the islands to Spain after the war bee	catarrh and cold in the head, a gener-
atch relating to a fire in Liverpool	mparts strength, and promotes diges-	One of the drawbacks to the German	made of these underground galleries	heen concluded and the other is to	catarra and cold in the head, a gener-
which took place on the same day that	tion.	ycling service is the use of cushion	that lie beneath the Jardin des Plantes,	been concluded, and the other is to	ous ro cent trial size can be had of
Colt's battery blew up this brig, and	weeks weeks	ires. The time is not far distant, how-		give the people there who have been	
he very explosion of which must have	she Stopped to Play with a Kitten.	ever, when pneumatic tires will take	laboratory and aquarium. A number	in revolt against Spanish tyranny an	cents. Full size 50 cents.
haken the windows of the "Courier"	An authority on the subject of nurs-	he place of the old-fashioned and less	of them have been filled with reser-	opportunity to set up a stable inde-	ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y.
ffice. The same paper also printed a	ng, in discussing the question of the	esilient kind.	voirs and glass tanks, whilst in others	pendent government. The war we	City
letailed map of those streets in Liver-	uge at which training should begin,		the niches that once contained human	and angrad in is for humanital and	It is the medicine above all others
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or a local American event that	'some small hospitals and nursing-	hirty seconds is in use in the Austrian	the effect upon animal life of total and	Consequently we cannot give the	
brought the Secretary of War from	nomes, take girls to train as young as	urmy. Ambulances also have been	the effect upon animal life of total and partial darkness.	islands up to the old oppressors.	with safety and it does all that is
Washington, and 40,000 of his fellow	seventeen; and, in one instance I re-	ried by the Austrians with every	parenti durinicos.		claimed for it B. W. Sperry, Hart-
tizens out upon the water. Need it	nember, a girl who had been sent for	promise of satisfaction in actual ser-	It is said that Succi, who recently	No Lack of Attention.	ford, Conn.
be said that the "Courier" has long	a splint in a great hurry stopped on	rice. Hereafter they will be used in	completed his sixty-fourth public fast		
since gone.	he way to play with a kitten and for-	ill manoeuvres. A writer in the Ram-	in Rome, has abstained from food in	Miss New-I can't get my watch	The number of steamers wrecked
In the month of April following a	got all about what she was sent for."	pler says that these ambulances are	his performances for 2,500 days of his		and manual of menners meened
orig of 500 tons was blown to pieces		10thing more or less than an ordinary	life—nearly 7 years.		upon rocks and shoals and in high
while sailing at the rate of 5 knots an	Mrs. Green (who thinks of airing)-	olding safety, furnished with two long	The novel feature of a gas-motor	Jeweler-Perhaps it needs regula-	winds on the passage from Pacific
nour while Colonel Colt the operator	But is the girl honest? Can she be	parallel shafts joined together by a	lately invented is stated to be the		coast cities to Alaska show that the
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way. Both Houses of Congress ad-	Mrs. Brown (the girl's former mis-	n use as an ambulance the vehicle can	bringing of the fuel in the working	regulator over the entire scale every	nels on their routes and do not know
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	doneBoston Transcript.	"Hold on, pa. I ain't moved to go	large as almost to cover the velvet band.	of Chatter the Teline	Signature Char Heltchers
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