

PRIZE SYSTEM SHOULD GO.

The Navy Has an Unfair Advantage Over the Army.

In the rapid and decisive victory over Spain in the war for Cuba there is glory enough to go all round, and the veterans of the battles on both land and sea are sure of the Nation's eternal gratitude.

But Gen. Shafter, Gen. Wheeler and the men who braved the fevers of Santiago and the withering fire of the Spanish sharpshooters at El Caney and San Juan make no money out of the war.

Is there not something wrong in the prize money and bounty system which causes this absurd disproportion between army and navy rewards?

ROBERT BROWNING'S LOVE STORY.

His Devotion and Reverence for His Wife Read Like a Tale from Fiction.

"Wherever Mrs. Browning trod, whatever she touched became endowed with the sacredness of her presence," writes Clifford Howard, of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, in the "Ladies Home Journal."

"Not once in all the years of their married life was Browning absent from his wife a single day. At home or on their occasional journeys he was ever with her, ready to protect her and to wait upon her.

About Precious Stones.

A remarkable fact has been discovered. The colors of precious stones are not permanent in the light. To give a chemical and physical explanation of this is difficult; for, although chemical reunions in solid bodies have been proved, one would not presume them to occur in the exceedingly hard minerals concerned.

BRAZIL'S COMMERCE.

The Average American Overlooks the Opportunities That Lie at His Threshold.

While seeking in the Far East for consumers of his surplus products of farm and factory, the average American overlooks the opportunities open to his enterprise and sagacity in a continent which lies, comparatively speaking, at the threshold of his factory and the gateway of his farm.

To-day the leading commercial city of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, with a population of nearly 750,000 souls, contains but one strictly American mercantile house supported by any considerable amount of capital.

It is obvious that a large number of energetic and intelligent Americans engaged in industrial pursuits in Brazil would have an enormous influence in developing the natural resources, and, consequently, in increasing the purchasing power of the country.

HOW MICA IS OBTAINED.

The Process is Described as the Poetry of Mining.

The mica trade is controlled practically by three or four large concerns in New York, Chicago and Boston. These houses have an agent who buys for cash whatever mica is brought in by the miners.

Mica, it need hardly be said, is a very valuable, almost precious mineral, as those who are obliged to buy a small strip for their stove doors will testify. A package worth hundreds of dollars can be carried in a basket slung over the arm, or in a pair of saddlebags on horseback.

"Not once in all the years of their married life was Browning absent from his wife a single day. At home or on their occasional journeys he was ever with her, ready to protect her and to wait upon her. Often ill and unable to leave her room, he nursed her with the tenderness of a woman, cheering her in her convalescence with stories and songs of reading to her for hours at a time, as he oft had done in the days before their marriage.

The Usual Progress.

Wheeler—I wonder what has become of Walker; I haven't seen him for a week.

Ryder—I saw his wife yesterday. She said he was learning to ride a wheel.

Wheeler—How's he getting along? Ryder—On crutches, I believe.—Chicago News.

A New Kind of Trolley. Who would have thought ten years ago that the following little conversation would occur in 1898?

"Mama, Mama," said four-year-old Dotty, as a tired pair of horses lazily dragged a street car along an unfamiliar avenue, "there's a new kind of twillier car as have to have horses."

THE CAPTAIN'S ECONOMIC WIFE.

Topped the Other Way and Put the Bone in Place.

In a Massachusetts seaport town there is a retired sea captain who makes a frequent boast that he has the "smartest woman along shore."

"When I got to her, she said, just as brisk as usual: 'Don't ask me if I've hurt myself, Cap'n, for of course I have. I reckon I've unjointed a bone in my left leg, falling on it. Now don't try to pull me up. Let me scramble round a minute, and you go for the doctor.'

"Well, the doctor's our next neighbor, so it didn't take long to get him. He looked her over, and said there was a bone somewhere round her left hip that was out of kilter.

"At that mother rose right up on her feet and toppled over the opposite way from what she'd fallen downstairs, and we heard a kind of a crack.

"She looked up at the doctor with her mouth kind of whitish, but the same old twinkle in her eyes, and she says: 'I believe I've set that bone myself, doctor,' and she had!—Youth's Companion.

FRIENDLY WITH THE DOGS.

The Rats Knew Their Protectors and Wouldn't Eat Without Them.

A gentleman who lived some years since in Kentfrewshire was accustomed, after his shooting excursions, to feed his dogs in their kennels, the food being placed in a long trough. On one occasion, when he had attended to them as usual, he looked into the kennel through a hole in the door, and was somewhat astonished, not at perceiving a number of rats there, but at seeing them in the trough, quietly and fearlessly partaking of the bread and milk with the dogs, which seemed to pay no attention to them whatever.

At the usual hour the food was placed as a lure, and the dogs were kept out, but the plan did not succeed. The plotter against the rats could observe the head of one of them—old and sagacious—peering out at hole after hole, and from under the manger for the purpose of reconnoitring, but none of them descended. Having waited to no purpose for half an hour he let in the dogs, and in a few minutes the rats were again feeding in perfect harmony. They seemed to be aware that their safety was connected with the presence of the dogs.

Slang Puzzled Him.

Edouard Remenyi, the great violinist, who recently died, used to say that some of the hardest studying he ever did in his life began after an experience he had in Detroit.

"On my first tour of this country," he delighted in telling, "I worked unceasingly to acquire a knowledge of the language and got on fairly well. But the slang that I found so prevalent baffled me more than anything else. I gave a performance in Detroit one night and met with a reception that warmed my heart toward her people. Among other things, this appeared in one of the papers next morning: 'Here an ugly, little, bow-legged chap, whose clothes hung loosely about his ungainly person, waddled to the footlights. But, sakes alive! how he did play the fiddle!'

"Now, I couldn't make out what that 'sakes alive' meant, so I timidly approached a gentlemanly citizen, told him of my inability to grasp the meaning of the slang, and asked him if the expression was intended to be complimentary. 'He kindly read it and replied: 'Well, I should sneaker.' 'I was more bewildered than ever, and from that time on made the study of slang one of my chief occupations.'—Detroit Free Press.

WIT AND HUMOR.

"Did she break down when you told her you were going abroad?" "Naw, I think she felt like doing one, though."—Indianapolis Journal.

"I spent \$100 on my silver wedding present to my wife." "What is it?" "I don't know; she hasn't got through exchanging it yet."—Chicago Record.

"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "how is it dat some o' dese people kin work day after day an' never seem to feel it?" "Well," replied Meandering Mike, reflectively, "I s'pose dey is started in young an' gets to be immune."—Washington Star.

"Do you understand women?" "Yes, I understand them well enough to know that I can't understand them at all."—Chicago Record.

"Hark! Somebody is playing a delightful bit from Wagner." "Oh, no; that's only James shoveling coal in the cellar."—Chicago Record.

"You called on Miss Spritley the other evening? Didn't you find her charming in conversation?" "I found her charming in monologue. We didn't succeed in holding any conversation."—Chicago Tribune.

"It is better to discover where an enemy is than where he was.

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Two Middletown girls were so anxious to accompany their soldier lovers that they boarded the train of the second Tennessee recently, and being furnished with uniforms, stepped into the toilet room, emerging therefrom two handsome young soldiers. When the train reached Harrisburg an officer boarded it and arrested the girls. One was Lulu Kauffman and the other Lizzie Jones; aged 16 and 17 years respectively. The girls cried bitterly and insisted that they loved their soldier boys and desired to go with them.

ABOUT CATARRH.—It is caused by a cold or succession of colds, combine with impure blood. Its symptoms are pain in the head, discharge from the nose, ringing noises in the ears. It is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which purifies and enriches the blood, soothes and rebuilds the tissues and relieves all the disagreeable sensations.

The Manna of the Jews.

The manna of the Jews is a lichen (Lichen esculentus, sive Cananea esculenta). The Saharan nomads and the inhabitants of South Algeria call it Oussehl-Ard (excrement of the earth). It occurs in lumps the size of a pea. The inside resembles a white farina. It must be gathered early, for the rays of the sun soon wither it, but it can be kept well in closed vessels.

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Don't Snub the Little Ones.

There are households in which the children are scarcely permitted to speak above their breath. This is not at all right. In the home there should be freedom of speech. Children should be encouraged to express in a modest way, their opinions before their parents and to come to them for advice and counsel in all their difficulties and dilemmas. If this course is pursued they will not be likely to take any serious steps in after life without either consulting the old folks at home or applying the home standard of propriety to any enterprise they have in view.

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There is a Glass of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O. 11-10 4td.

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