### THE LITTLE ARMCHAIR.

Nobody sits in the little armchair, It stands in a corner dim, But a white-haired mother, gazing there, And yearningly thinking of him, Sees through the dusk of long ago The bloom of her boy's sweet face, As he rocks so merrily to and fro. With a laugh that cheers the place.

Sometimes he holds a book in his hand. Sometimes a pencil and slate: And the lesson is hard to understand, And the figures hard to mate But she sees the nod of the father's head. So proud of his little son, And she hears the word so often said,

"No fear for our little one." They were wonderful days, the dear

sweet days, When a child with sunny hair Was hers to scold, to kiss and to praise, At her knee in the little chair, She lost him back in her busy years, When the great world caught the man, And he strode away past hopes and fears To bis place in the battle's van,

But now and then in a wistfal dream, Like a picture out of date. She sees a head with a golden gleam Bent over a pencil and slate, And she lives again the happy day, The day of her young die's spring, When the small arm-chair stood just in the way, The center of everything.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

# Slege of the Wallow.

pain.

For God's sake don't let them get me!'

#### A Brave Frontiersman's Deed.

The western "bad man" was in a reminiscent mood and he remarked he shrieked. The rest had safely got that he knew of no parallel to the into the wallow. heroism of Amos Chapman.

"To fight Indians was bad enough," his ears that Amos Chapman, without he continued, "but to be corralled by a word to his mates, but just a yell. them in a buffalo wallow and held 'I'm coming,' sprang up out of the off.

a Cheyenne. He was not more than 30 splinters. Some of the bullets hit the reporter: years old, tough, sure shot, good in- dying soldier and hastened his end. "Not long ago I came up from Guaas a man could be.

Indians, or rather the main body of gun with his right. them, Prairie Dog Dave and I were nights.

"We were not clad in buckskin and that soldier slaughtered and scalped, and took their guns away from them beads as scouts are usually pictured, and put his own life in peril to pre-

dash was made for the prairie, and like water. Dixon traveled fully thirthey reached it in a shower of shot. It ty miles on foot that night in the is impossible to shoot well from the drenching rain, and as day broke he back of a rapidly moving horse. took refuge in a clump of wild plum "It was the plan to find a buffalo bushes. During the forenoon he saw wallow, lie as first as possible in it, a body of horsemen in the distance, and shoot until dead. Before such a but it was some time before he assurplace was found the scouts and sol- ed himself that it was a body of soldiers dismounted, so as to shoot bet- diers out scouting. He fired his gun ter and keep the Indians from getting and attracted their attention.

too close before they could get into "The party at once started back to cover. A couple of dead Indians will the rescue, but some precaution had to stop one hundred live ones from com- be taken. Dixon, with remarkable ining too near. One soldier held the stinct, brought them back to within bridle reins of the horses while the a few rods of the wallow, but it was rest of the men retreated behind them dusk and there was danger of being and shot at the advancing host. The mistaken for Indians, who, by the way, Indians likewise dismounted, so that had cleared out, for reasons known to they could also shoot better and not themselves. It was some time before be such good targets. It may seep Chapman could be convinced that it strange that such la large body of In- was Dixon calling him and not the dians would not make just one charge Indians who had tried to lure him out and overwhelm the white men by force by talking English. of numbers, but that is not the In- "All that day the men had been in

dian way. They will not take a risk torture, and still they were a long way if they can help it. They will not from the hospital. Chapman rode sevtrade anywhere near even with the enty-five miles on horseback to Camp white man when life is at stake. Supply, where the leg was amputated "Before a buffalo wallow could be below the knee. He was out in a found the soldier holding the horses month, but always had to mount his was shot and killed and the animals horse afterward with his left leg, as stampeded. Then there was a race the Indians do. He and Ben Clark esfor life to the nearest hole. Some corted Dull Knife's band of Cheyennes thirty feet from one another soldier down from the Dakotas to the Indian was shot, but not killed. He lay there reservation in 1877. Chapman is livand yelled in the agony of fear and ing with the Indians now, and Billy Dixon has a ranch at the old 'Dobey

"'Don't let them scalp me, boys! Walls.' "-New York Sun.

## LIVING ON MONKEY MEAT.

# "It was with this appeal ringing in A Story Told by an American of Six Months

in Oaxaca. Living in Mexico is often a disasthere by them, and water up to your wallow, his six-shooter in hand, ran trous experience to the foreigner who neck-that is an inferno with the lid to the wounded man, seized and sought is not acquainted with localities and to drag him back. The Indians fired customs. In the case of John Bascon "I knew Cnapman quite well. He a volley at him and made a rush to- and his companion, an Englishman, had been on the frontier a long time. ward him. I don't know how many named Martin Hayes, their experience He was from the East. He had hunted shot were fired at Chapman, but the was such, but it was also interesting. buffalo, traded with Indians, fought only place he was hit was below the In conversation with Mr. Bascon that with them in 1868, and finally married left knee. The bone was shattered to gentleman stated the following to a

terpreter, fearless rider, and as brave Chapman's leg gave way under him temala with an Englishman named like a piece of rubber, but he never Martin Hayes, and we had three burros "It was in September, 1874, that Gen. weakened or let go. Reaching ahead laden with goods. We prospected all Miles' command was camped on the with his good leg and the knee of the along the line to Tonelado, and stop-Red River, in the Texas Panhandle, left, he dragged the soldier along with ped one week with an Indian at Tehuwhere it had followed the retreating his left hand, piece by piece, firing his antepec. While there we learned that in the district up to Tonelado there

"The men in the wallow kept up a was plenty of gold, as another Engselected as the two scouts to carry fusillade and the Indians were held lishman had passed through there with despatches from Gen. Miles to Major back. Painfully but persistently Chap- \$8,000 which he had panned out at a Compton, whose command was located man dragged himself and the man certain point somewhere in the region on McClelland Creek, about seventy- along. Sometimes he sought to rise of San Pablo, in Oaxaca. We traced five miles to the north. Some of the hoping that the leg would hold, but it the gold along the streams for sixty despatches were really intended for doubled under him. It did not take miles, and reached as far as San Mi-Camp Supply, in the Indian Territory, many minutes for all this to happen. guel. We were very hungry by this still further north, but our instructions Chapman and the wounded soldier time, having run short of provisions, were simlp to deliver them to Major reached the hole, where the latter died and, going across the mountains, were Compton. Dave and I hoped to be in a little while. Now, if that isn't told that we should be careful as bansent on to Camp Supply with them, an example of heroic bravery, then I ditti were numerous. Soon after two for we needed some new and warmer don't know what is. One might crit- men met us not far from San Miguel, clothes, as it was beginning to be cold icise his judgment, but not his brav- and they both had rifles. They orderery. He could not and would not see ed us to halt, but I pulled a revolver

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If it is daring the world wants, America can supply it. Daring nurely loses

its life. Americans know it. The showing of our foreign commerce, both in agricultural products and manufactures, is exceedingly gratifying.

Russia is fully alive to the necessity of interoceanic canal communication. She is now preparing to connect the Baltic and Black Seas.

The Kansas City (Mo.) Times says: If this is not a war for revenge why per's Weekly. When Lord Salisbury be sent to Cuba.

The pictures of Ensign Powell, who followed Hobson with the launch, make not mean to include France among the him look like a Bryn Mawr College girl, but just now it is safer to judge men by their acts than by their looks.

States last year amounted to 198,250,- Slav races are clearly to be pitted 000 short tons, with an aggregate value against the Anglo-Saxon peoples in the of \$198,100,000. This is an increase of struggle for the mastery of the world. three per cent, over the previous year. This European jealousy of America

The three big battlesnips lately au- is in its origin partly economic or comthorized by Congress will be named mercial, partly military and partly the the Maine, the Ohio and the Missouri, result of that form of bigotry known It is obviously the purpose of the Navy as national prejudice, which is by no Department that the Maine shall never means confined to the uneducated be forgotten. largely to the fact that the United

Whenever the United States asks for States is about to become one of the \$200,000,000 at 3 per cent. interest we great naval powers in the world. The may be sure that eight or ten times the continental military nations have alamount will be offered by our own peo- ways feared and hated England beple. Spain is hawking her 7 per cent. cause of the sharp curb on their ambibonds throughout Europe and is glad tions imposed by the English preponto get 30 cents on the dollar for them derance of sea power. Now they see at home or abroad. another country less vulnerable than

Cuba is known in history under sev- England about to assume a similar poeral names. The first was Antilia; sition, and ready to make effective in then Juana, after a Spanish prince; any part of the world the command, Fernandina came third, followed by "Hands off!" Santiago and the Isle of Ave Maria. The original Indian name, Cubanacau, subject of physical training in the pubsignifying "where gold is found," was lie schools, particularly in Massachufinally adopted, and usage shortened it setts. A pertinent report on the matto the first two syllables.

H. W. Collingwood has taken a cen- Board of Brookline by a committee of duct in 1897 at 14,400,000,000 eggs, of training should be so ordered that ina value of \$165,000,000, while poultry creasing demands should be made upon sales realized \$125,000,000 more, mak- the strength, intelligence and self-coning a total value of the hen crop \$290,- trol of the pupils as they pass from the 000,000, or more than those of either lower to the higher grades of the school the wheat or cotton yields.

The managers of the telephone company operating the system at Ver- the European cities of even the second sailles, France, hold that the expres- and third class. Elaborately equipped sion "Hello!" used in response to a cali gymnasiums are not essential, as the is impolite. The operators have been desired object can be satisfactorily ac- fruit. instructed to ask the subscriber who complished by placing adjustable aprings up the central office: "What do paratus in the large assembly halls you want?" It is customary among which which it is customary to supply Americans to say "yes." It carries all school buildings. well and it is much more elegant than 'Hello."

There are numerous touches of originality surrounding the plans of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha Ainos of Japan, Who Had Never Seen a none n uniquely clever and characteristic than the composite picture of the womanly beauty of the the Century, from personal observa- late Ptolemaic period, has been found West, which is to be reproduced on the tion, an article entitled, "In Aino official medal. Forty-four of the hand- Land." Mrs. Todd says: somest women of the Western States, illustrating the strongest types of Western womanhood, were selected by com- dition which visited northern Japan to side is a band with crosspieces. These petent judges, and the result shows a strong, handsome face. The increase of German trade with solutely primitive "hairy Aino" of that Belgium at the expense of France and region. Great Britain is yearly becoming more In the southern portion of the islnoteworthy. In 1897 Relgium exported and, near Hakodate and Sapporo, and to France goods to the value of \$71,- about Volcano Bay, travelers have vis-000,000, while her exports to England ited these shy and silent people. But amounted to \$66,500,000, and to Ge .- several hundred miles north are many many no less than \$77,500,000. In the Ainos, who, until the summer of 1896, same year Belgium imported from were strangers to the members of any France goods to the value of \$74,000 .- race but their own or the few fishing 000; from England to the value of \$48,- villages along the coast. The dwellers 250,000, and from Germany to the value in the province of Kitami are too disof \$50,000,000. The Russian government has assigned \$10,000,000 for the purchase of 10- informed me, had never before reached comotives for the Russian State railways during the current year. A large Skirting the rough western coast by number of these will have to be or- steamer, and rounding Cape Soya, the dered abroad, as the Russian works, eclipse party located at Esashi, which which are already full up with orders, must not be confused with another cannot turn out more than 1,000 per town of the same name near Hakodate. annum at the most. 'In addition 400 The news of the arrival of strange locomotives have been ordered for the white foreigners spread quickly among Siberian Railway, and 100 more will the neighboring villages. Walking be ordered this year, while \$750,000 is with stately tread, bushy-haired and to be spent upon rolling stock on this bearded groups of Ainos often passed Kaiser Wilhelm's latest discovery of ly looking for nothing unusual, and a weapon for the preservation and ex- giving no evidence of curiosity, yet tension of his empire is represented never failing to see every foreign figin the theatre. The playhouse, he de- ure within their range. Humbly acsuspected what the fate of one of his clares, if properly directed along the companying their lords, women and "Just to illustrate what curs Indians curious, weird pictures would be. Ac- lines of his creed as to "the divine children frequently followed, far less right of kings," could be made "an im- imposing than the men. Somewhat with little danger of being hit. Such a buffalo wallow, hiding behind their these bizarre posters was purchased by mense power in my hands," The Kai- larger, and apparently stronger, than corral can stand off an army of Indians horses, shooting, while some of them an American in London for the modest ser has manifestly not yet reached the the Japanese, although not taller, the same conclusion regarding the church, older men are actually patriarchal, since it is less than a fortnight since with long beards, and masses of thick he arbitrarily limited sermons by 211 hair parted in the middle. Many faces of the animals. Their loss was heavy. the 300. They were anxious to kill friend's appreciation of English art court chaplains to fifteen minutes. The have a benign and loftly expression. Soldiers of Company K. Sixth Cavalry, him particularly, for he had married was such that he used the poster for play's the thing wherein to catch the conscience of the king. During the decade from 1880 to 1890 speeds of 15 to 16 knots were generally accepted as standard speeds for battleships the world over, comments the Engineering News. At the present time speeds of 17 to 19 knots are pan long before the present race of equally accepted as the standard for of course, knew nothing of its presence and be constantly on the watch for til the fame of the poster spread battleships by the principal naval powers. Not one of these powers would prairie country such as they were in it horrors of that night and of the suf- of the visitors, Wan-fo-Li, director of think at the present time of building is a difficult matter to see any great ferings of these men, who rested their the Chinese theater in Canton, bought first-class battleships for any lower speed. To do so would not only result hollows. They were coming out of a low, and sat through the long hours in charging a small entrance fee for see- in a vessel of obsolete type, but would seriously injure the naval prestige of France, in the persons of the World's Fair authorities, has paid American scientists a marked compliment in asking them for proposals to light the exposition. We do not regard this as a feature of a general appeal for bids. but as a tribute to the superior excellence of American devices for electric

#### work. It was an American, Franklin, who first brought lightning to harness; another American, Morse, who invented the telegraph, and another who

made the telephone what it is. So far an electric lighting goes Europe yields to our facility in providing the ways cleaver. It has a blade about 24 inches and means. We do what is needed most cheaply, most thoroughly and

with the most variety of method. The process visible in Spain of the of the machete runs due north, in a swelling line, with a curve, until it is disintegration of the nation, the decay of authority, and the loss of governing surprised to find itself at the limits of capacity, is one that is not unlikely to the knife. At the point the line of the be extended to France, observes Har- machete angles two points south of scutheast-by mariner's compass-for should so many amateur brass bands referred to the fact of the civilized a distance of 3 inches, when it drops world being divided between the weak straight southwardly along the back nations and the strong, he probably did of the thing to the place of starting at the handle. This handle is of horn, and former. But government organization, a little curlicue at the rear end is incapacity for rule, and public spirit are | tended to keep the hand from slipping as conspicuous by their absence from and enable it to poise the tool and France as from Spain or Italy. The cleave the Douglas head with freedom The total output of coal in the United decadent Latins and the undeveloped and ease.

From the inspection of certain machetes submitted in the course of a recent visit to that part of the country where this product flourishes most rempantly, it is found that the best of them are made in Hartford, Conn., but that they reach their highest development in the warmth of the tropics. One machete, belonging to the classes. The military jealousy is due light-keeper at Cape San Antoine, at the western limit of Cuba, was spoken of as having been in at the deaths of no less than forty-three identified persons and at least 100 more who may be counted among the "also ran," but whose names were unknown to the narrator. This weapon was made in benignant, tranquil New England, and the altruistic Yankee who manufactured it would doubtless take a great deal of honest and conscientious satisfaction out of the knowledge that it is not even nicked after such overtime There is a growing interest in the

In a tropical country the machete is first in war, first in peace, and frequently first in the hearts of the countrymen. It is used in the cultivation of ter, recently presented to the School crops, in cutting weeds, in chopping "sus of the hens of the United States, physicians, criticises present methods wood, in harvesting bananas, in plow-He figures out the chickens of the as disjointed and incomplete. To be ing the ground, in building such houses country at 375,000,000, and their pro- effective, the committee says, physical as the native uses, in beating wives and in skinning animals. It is sometimes pushed into the ground until only the haft is visible, and then great games of quoits are played by its agency, or a man will tie his dog to system. To this end there should be it. Armed with the machete, the native surgeon defies the intricacies of proper apparatus and competent teachers, such as may be found in most of any kind of amputation. It is invaluable to the diner at meal time, and a clever hand can throw it up into a cocoanut tree and in that way chop

#### The Screw of Archimedes.

Archimedes of Syracuse, when he was in Egypt, invented a machine for pumping bilge water out of the holds of ships. This instrument was also used in the Delta for purposes of irrigation. Diodorus Sicilus twice refers it in his writings. A curious model Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd writes for of such an instrument, probably of the in Lower Egypt. It consists of a terra-cotta cylinder with a screw inside it, 10 inches long and 41-2 inches in diameter. Near the center of the outview the total eclipse of the sun, I had may represent footholds, and suggest that the machine was worked after the manner of the treadmill. Such screws were probably made of wood. No other example of this screw seems to have come to light .- American Journal of Archaeology.

#### THE MACHETE.

#### A Weapon of Peace as Weil as of War.

Some people know, but a great many do not know, that a machete is a cross between a corn knife and a butcher's es in length-one shaped considerably after the fashion of a grossly exaggerated and falsified razor blade. The edge

them all summer and thought it about cursed our luck when we received re-Amos Chapman to take to Camp Supply. Later when we learned what they went through we took it all back.

"It was known that there was a marauding band of the red devils some- ant's pension when he retired. where in the vicinity, but, like the ter to put a finger on them. They considered best to send a sergeant and security, and, as was customary, they ation.

"Now, it happened that this roving band of reds, numbering fully 300 war- threw the locse material up in front. out salt. Just think of it! Nothing riors, had been laying a five days' siege to Jack Callahan's twenty-five six- only the head was exposed, and then or two, and not a tortilla or common mule Government supply train in the only when firing, which had to be kept hot cake. Well sir, my partner, Marsand hills of the Wachita river. The up. train was bringing supplies from Camp

what protection they can from behind Dixon. the wheels or by digging rifle pits behad appeared upon the scene driven off them. the Cheyennes, and relieved the be-

sieged. but one thing to do, and that was to have been a fearful experience.

Our clothing simply consisted of a pair vent it. Had he been killed the lives When we arrived at San Miguel one of of cheap overalls, calico shirts, soft hat of all the others would have been them entered a complain before the and a pair of boots. We had lived in placed in still greater jeopardy by the Jese Politico charging us with holding loss of a defender, but those things them up, but the Jese knew the men time to change them. We reached were not thought of. There was but too well to listen to their story, and Compton's camp without incident and one idea, and the instant it was con- the result is one of them is still in ceived it was put into execution. Dixon jail at that place. turn despatches to Miles, while ours would have done the same thing had were turned over to Billy Dixon and not Chapman been quicker. When I ed a mozo to guide us to where the think of such things to-day I believe Englishman referred to found his gold, that men like Chapman should have a but when we got there the mozo would monument. He got a cork leg from not stay, as it was known the English-

wallow, which is made by buffaloes

"They stood off that big band of four months after from the privations Supply down to Gen. Miles. It was cowards all that day, and it must have suffered during that time, and I don't surprised at this bad place for a fight, been something awful. The shooting suppose his wife and family ever heard and was forced to go into corral. This on the part of the Indians was almost of it. But we got some gold all right, is done by putting two wagons to- continuous, for there were a lot of and monkey meat would have been gether in A shape, stringing the rest them, and they had plenty of ammu- good enough for me if we had only had line. down the sides, and closing them up nition, as they captured a lot of the some salt." at the other end V way. The mules horses. Three more of the soldiers and horses are kept comparatively safe were killed, the sergeant was shot in the inclosure made by the wagons, twice, and, in fact, the only one to while the teamsters and soldiers get escape with a whole skin was Bull

neath the wagons. They can shoot are, they just camped around that cording to a contemporary, one of until the water gives out. The Indians yelled in English to Chapman to come sum of twenty-five cents, and sent to attacked the train for five days, killing out and fight. Just think, they want- a friend in America as a specimen of one Lieutenant, two soldiers, and some ed him to stand up and be shot at by the latest thing in English art. The Capt. Kingsbury, from Camp Supply, one of their squaws and was against wrapping up some linen that was sent

"Chapman and Dixon, with their brim with water. The wounded men tened it on the laundry wall and invitlittle escort, had crossed the Wachita, had to keep their heads above water ed his compatriots to come and look at some three or four miles below where so as not to drown, while they had to it. the pack train had been held up, but, keep their guns and ammunition dry They came by twos and threes unor that of the Indians. On a rolling an attack. I need not dwell upon the abroad; then they came in crowds. One distance on account of the knolls and bodies upon those of the dead ones be- it for \$100 and soon made \$400 by small draw or canon, when suddenly the water, thick with the blood that ing the poster. Finally, a rich Chinathey espied the savages, who were al- oozed from their wounds and from the man of San Francisco bought it for any power. most directly upon them. There was remains of their companions. It must \$500 and to-day it decorates the palace

there would be a chance to fight. Tem- jured, he crawled out of the wallow domestic divinity .- Chicago News. porary protection would be afforded by during the worst of the storm and getting behind things in the canon, but started south toward Major Compton's A silver coin is usually in currency it would only be a matter of a short command for help. He had no trouble for twenty-seven years. time when they would be surrounded in passing the Indians for they were and shot at from all directions. As ex. intent upon protecting themselves perienced men, they knew this. A from the fownpour. Indians do not Manchester of Spain.

and marched them on in front of us

"When we left San Miguel we securthe government and a second lieuten- man had returned and died there. We found his skeleton, with the legs and "I cannot go into the details of the arms eaten off, and the mozo, being Irishman's flea, it was a difficult mat- uneven fight that followed, for I was fearful he would see the ghost of the not there, and only know the story dead, left us to ourselves. We went might be in one spot one day and fifty from what Dixon and Chapman after- across a river and camped in the adjamiles or more away the next. It was ward told me. The ordinary buffalo cent woods. Along the stream we prospected for gold, and in two weeks five soldiers with the scout for greater rolling and wallowing around in the we found gold which went about twensoft earth, is about a dozen feet in ty-five cents to the pan. We remaintook an unbeaten trail to their destin- diameter and perhaps two or three feet ed there about six months, and all deep. The men cut away the dirt from that time we lived on monkey meat around the edge with their knives and and green bananas, and both too, with-This afforded greater protection, as but monkeys, and occasionally a fowl tin Hayes, of London, England, died

#### Fate of Beardsley Poster.

The late Aubrey Beardsley little to a Chinese laundry kept by Sam Li.

"That night there was a terrific rain- Sam's eyes brightened as he smoothed storm, which filled the wallow to the out the crumbled paper, and he fas-

of this millionaire, and before it burns. get out upon the open prairie, where "As Dixon was the only one unin- day and night, a lamp, as before some

Foreigner.

AN ISOLATED RACE.

In the summer of 1896, as a lay

member of the Amherst College expethe rare opportunity of seeing the ab-

tant to be sought by visitors; and a foreign woman, the Japanese official; Kitami.

the expedition headquarters, apparent-Driven gradually through ages from the south to Hokkaido, the Ainos are among the few races yet retaining, in this over-civilized world of ours, an utterly unspoiled simplicity. Their origin has never been satisfactorily traced, but they were certainly in Ja-Japanese had arrived, and names clearly originating in the Aino tongue are still retained all over the empire. Gentle and subservient to the conquering race, it is evident that they formerly held more egotistic views than now, even fancying themselves the center of the universe, as is shown perhaps by an old national song:

Gods of the sea, open your eyes divine, Wherever your eyes turn, there echoes the sound of the Aino speech.

#### An Expensive Poem.

The highest price ever paid for a poem was 6,000 golden crowns paid to Barcetona is commonly known as the illumination. This country has always his eulogy on their city-a poem of six Sannazaro by the citizens of Venice for been ahead of all others in electrical ; times only.

#### Navy Charts.

No office in the Navy Department has felt the drain upon its stock in trade as has the chartroom of the Hydrographic Office. Chief Craige said recently that almost every ship that is put into commission has gone out with a complete set of maps and charts. "A few of the boats recently commissioned have not received complete sets, and it is all we can do to supply them. The usual number of maps supplied is something less than 300. These are in series and are incased in tin portfolios, each portfolio containing the maps of its especial section of the globe. The department has been working day and night in its printing office rushing out the charts necessary to complete the stock."

#### What Gems Will Do.

Special properties have always been assigned to gems and one old writer gravely states that an amulet of sapphires will expel gout or ague and endow the wearer with courage; one of emeralds strengthens the eyes and helps a man to wealth; the agate gives eloquence and procures the favor of princes; chalcedony makes the wearer lucky in law and is of force against the evils arising from melancholy; topaz will restore the insane to reason; coral neutralizes the spell of witches, especially of those black and midnight hags who delight in pinching sleeping babies in their cradles. This explains why, even to this day, coral chains and pins are bought for infants .- New York Journal.

#### Uncle Sam's War Month.

April is the month made notable by great events in American history. The first great struggle for American liberty broke into hostilities at Lexington and Concord in April, 1775; the war between the Confederate States and the United States began in April, 1861; in April of 1862 Farragut captured New Orleans, and in April, 1865, came the surrender of the Army of Northern Vir. ginia at Appon attox Court House.

According to the reports of a Canadian traveller who has lived two years in the far Northwest, there are still in that country, near Peace River, at least four herds of buffalo, numbering two thousand in all.