

prisons. By the outline reports the total number interred throughout the United States is 3,212,334, of these only 1,774, or about five-ninths of the whole number, can probably ever be identified. Even these figures do not cover the whole number who lost their lives in the war of the rebellion, owing to the vast area covered by the operations of the hostile armies, many bodies left on the field of battle, in skirmishes in woods and in isolated encounters of pickets and reconnoitering and scouting parties, have probably never been discovered. It is difficult

trace of whose remains have thus been lost, but it is without doubt considerable. Most of the scattered heroes, unknown to fame though great in deeds, who yet lie hidden in forest, field or pen, will now remain in Nature's green keeping until the resurrection morn. Of the grand total 36,805 are known to have been prisoners of war, who died in captivity, and this does not include the whole number who died whilst fighting the battle, but it is thought that numbers of those who died in the prison pens of the South have not been found or identified. Of the 1,100,000

interred. Unfortunately statistics to show the amount of mortality on the rebel side are very meagre. It is not probable the rebel loss will ever be known with anything like the accuracy with which we can reckon that on the National side; but, assuming them to be equal, it will be seen that the entire loss to the whole country in human lives during the war of the rebellion must amount to nearly three-quarters of a million. Besides 72 National cemeteries, the Union dead are scattered in 320 local and post cemeteries. The

The Gettysburg National Cemetery embraces an area of about seventeen

line of battle on the 2d and 3d of July, 1863, and occupying one of the most prominent and important positions on the field. This is one of the most incomplete of the national cemeteries and contains 3,512 graves, of whom 979 are unknown. These figures do not, however, by any means show the Union loss in the engagement, for the greater part of the wounded were removed to Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis and Philadelphia, and many of the slain have been taken away by their friends.

4,000 graves, 2,900 of which are unknown. In addition to the bodies of 1,470 who fell at Antietam, the remains of the United States soldiers scattered on the battle fields of Monocacy, South Mountain, and those buried at Harper's Ferry and Cumberland, Md., have been gathered here. The National cemetery at Richmond, Va., two miles from the city, on the Williamsburg road, just within the line of the rebel fortifications, contains an unusually large proportion of unknown graves. Out of 6,276, as many as 5,459 are unknown. They are mostly deceased prisoners of

the Thunder, and other prison pens at the former rebel Capital. Salisbury National Cemetery contains 12,112 bodies of Union soldiers who died while confined in Salisbury prison. At Danville, Va., Millen, Ga., Culpepper Court House, Va., Winchester, Va., Cold Harbor, Va., Fort Harrison, Va., Elendale, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Wilmington, N. C., Beaufort, S. C., Lookout Mountain, Tenn., Corinth, Miss., Shiloh, Tenn., Chalmerte, La., and other points in the country in which military operations were carried on during the war, there are many graves of the Confederate

from the battle-fields in the vicinity. These cemeteries, generally, are well cared for. Pains are taken to keep them sodded; to plant ornamental trees, and beautify them in various ways. Thus sleep our Brave. "Thank God for Liberty's dear slain; they give perpetual consecration unto it!"—*Philadelphia Times*.

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**THE SOCIAL WEAVER.**

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The social weaving-bird of the Orange River region of Southern Africa is a lovely member of this family.

extraordinary structure has often been described by African travelers. It not only builds in companies, as do most of the family, but always associates in colonies of many individuals, who construct their nests under a common roof of their own building. When one of these structures is first begun in the selected place, the community immediately proceed to construct together the general covering which is to shelter them all. This thatch is made of a coarse, strong fibre of Bushman's grass. This being completed, each

The nests are placed close together, side by side against the under surface of the general covering, and, when all are completed, the entire floor exhibits a series of even horizontal ceiling perforated with small circular openings. With each breeding season fresh nests are formed upon the lower surface of those of the preceding year. In this manner, year after year they add to the mass, until at last its excessive weight causes the destruction of the whole, and a new site has to be chosen. The roof is usually firmly interwoven

often the principal limbs are included within its substance.—*Dr. Brewer, in Scribner for June.*

FRIDAY IS THE DAY.—An exchange sums it up in this way: "It was a singular circumstance that on Friday Hayes was nominated at Cincinnati, on Friday the Electoral bill was passed in Congress, on Friday an Electoral Commission got through with the last disputed State in the Electoral College, on Friday Hayes was counted in and declared elected, and now on a Friday the President-elect will be inaugurated."

If you aspire to the higher and the best, you may not be able to attain the summit, but you will come much nearer to it than if, in the first instance, clipping the wings of what is really pure, noble, unselfish ambition, you determine to sacrifice and surrender all claims to the highest and best, and rest content with some commonplace attainment.

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If a "contented mind is a continual feast," the fellow who is always look-

the time.