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Those street cleaners who say they n not know where to find the dirt should attend some of the ward political meet

The exitar should have a fellow feeling for the Spanish General Torral who on yielding up the city of Santiago to the American forces spoke of himself as having "dutifully descended."

Professor Langemann, of Kiel Uni versity, insists that German sentimentalty is prostrating his compatriots' attacks on the enemy. This, of course, explains why British shipping losses have recently en reduced to two per cent of the total

In the face of Russia's promised reforms, what will the melancholy Slavic novelist have left to write about? His plight suggests the one thus bewailed by Gilbert's tragically fortunate King Gama: O don't the day seem dark and long. When all goes right and nothing goes

And isn't the world extremely flat With nothing whatever to grumble at?

By this time Eleutheries Venizeles probably ceased to lament the Gersan pressure said to be exerted on King nstantine by Queen Sophia, the Kaiser's The fate of Louis XVI and Nicholas II, both of whom are accredited with having been influenced by Teutonic sorts, must make interesting reading for the Greek statesman.

asteful vines and foliage might be at very well for tropical Havana, where the nosquito pest his been triumphantly exterminated. At home the poetry of the dea somewhat misses fire so long as South Philadelphia's swamps continue to loose their virulent and inexcusable vinged plague every summer.

Twenty years ago the city of Glasow, Scotland, took over her tramway intreet railway) system to be operated as public utility. The undertaking was described at the time as a wildcat scheme. Under the management of James Dalrymple it has given Glasgow better and cheaper service than can be found in any other city, and has just subscribed as a corporation for \$10,000,000 of the latest great British war loan.

There were reports last summer that dope had found its way into the mavy. Now the same is said of the army. The mere suspicion is intolerable. Yet it would be sheer luck if the drugs that are now allowed to circulate about the country did not find their way into the ranks of the nation's defenders, striking at the weakest links first and gradually working their way along the line. If for no other reason than preparedness for war, can not the Legislature see the necessity of ssing the Whitaker antinarcotic law? o the citizen army that we need Penn ylvania, New York and New Jersey uld contribute one-fifth of the total What better could we do than set the exsmple for neighbor States by enacting a drastic antidrug law in order to keep the son of dope out of the system of those the would go to make up the rank and file in army and navy? Congress will in time amend the Harrison act, which failed to stop the illicit dope traffic. But he States should do their share first, and I is right here in the Middle States that e dope evil flourishes most unrestrain-

The resignation of General Lyauas French Minister of War is one e instance of the perils which beset army officer caught in the whirlpool lities. Here was a man who, in his uvironment, had been a worker of miracles. In charge of Moroccar affairs from the outbreak of the war, until three months ago, Lyautey completely pacified e uneasy land, crushed the Atlas med by German agents; super-building of roads and railways; the first exposition of Moorish in the port of Casablanca, and time to excavate the ancient of Volubilis. As a colonial the is assuredly one of the figures in French annals.

The war has not been kind to the heroes WILSON BLOCKS of overseas possessions, as witness the age tribesmen seems to supply the wrong equipment for handling the mightier problems of the general conflict.

NATION TRIUMPHS OVER PRIVATE INTEREST

MRST in importance, even more important than the calling off of the strike, is the fact that private individuals have responded handsomely to an appeal to patriotism. It was to the Council of National Defense, rather than to each other or to the Supreme Court, that point in the long, dreary and discouraging struggle between the preparedness and the anti-preparedness men that 400,000 indispensable workers and the transportation magnates of the nation should put the flag before private

Second to this as regards the spiritual harmony that this great precedent fore casts for all relations between capital and magnitude in respect to our immediate national safety, was the fact that the nation was not put in the position of depending upon the Supreme Court to dethe country. The President should be empowered to require of the Court a right reserved to the Court to review its decision after a stated interval, when the emergency has passed.

The Adamson law, though now declared constitutional, should be repealed and rewritten along the lines of the present compromise, which has the virtue of having been threshed out by practical men and of being workable. The law, for speed at which freight trains were to be run as a basis for computing overtime. The compromise also discriminates between different kinds of labor and service,

Labor has gained a distinct advantage, having won governmental sanction for its chief demands, a victory which the reelection of Wilson clinches for it for at least four years, and in addition concessions which the railroads were not willing to make last August.

But the gain made for the morale and self-respect of capital and labor must always be accounted the greatest victory. Both sides were confronted with a tremendous temptation to use power which could not be questioned. Each was confident, or expressed confidence, that it could "break" the other, and policy no doubt played its part in determining the issue. But the future will not go behind the returns. Patriotism has triumphed over private interest.

ONE DAY

Director Krusen's recommendations and inadequate. That single day, on Austria give up their portions But in all at city house fronts be adorned with which the Government of Russia is referred to a national convention; on which the Allied armies reach the two military goals of Bapaume and Roye, sought for two and a half years; when Viennese rumors of a separate peace with the Slavic empire take on a new clarity and substance, seems almost without historical parallel. Even the outbreak of the great war was scarcely more choked with tremendous happenings. That prelude to the titanic tale had dramatic swiftness. but now we have breath-taking climax piled on climax after a long and monotonously agonizing period of development.

The tendency, however, to proclaim anything like the sudden establishment of a millennium demands stern repression. Frank admission of the intense significance of one fateful day should not postulate that all these newly blazed trails will be immediately followed to successful ends.

The confusion regarding Grand Duke Michael's status somewhat tempers enthusiasm for the proposed Russian republic. Liberty-loving optimists may take comfort in the way in which President Militikoff of the Duma apologized for supporting a regency. "We propose," said he, "a parliamentary constitutional monarchy. Perhaps others may have different views, but if we stop to discuss instead of instantly deciding. Russia will find herself in a state of civil war and the destroyed regime will be reborn." The position of the Romanoff dynasty is thus in doubt. The best that can be said for the revolution is that it assuredly did occur and that it appears to stand considerably more than an even chance of succeeding.

The effect on the Central Powers may at this time be interpreted according to personal inclinations. Pro-Germanism may read weakness in the revolution and a brilliant opportunity either to seek a separate peace with Russia or the chance to start a brilliant new offensive against the Slavic armies. In the other camp the feeling certainly exists that at last the weak link in the Entente's chain has been repaired. No apologies are now needed to explain the association of a despotism with republican France. The liberty clause in the Allies' platform has been

immensely strengthened. Regarding the Franco-British advance on the western front there is, of course more occasion for favorable rather than disquieting comment. The immediate aims of the Somme offensive begun last July have been accomplished. Victories tel their own stories. Retreats demand explanations, and until Hindenburg shows his hand it seems timorous folly to insis on German traps and the super-cunning of military strategy. Where restraint is really needed is of the desire to foresee much greater conquests in the new Eniente movement. Not until St. Quentin and Cambrai are in Haig's or Nivelle's

MIDDLE EUROPE

His Peace Plans Would Make Realization of the German Imperial Dream Impossible

By GILBERT VIVIAN SELDES

Special Correspondence Evening Ledger LONDON, Pebruary 28.

THE bugbear of Great Britain at the present writing is a myth. The name of it is "Mittel-Europa," and it is perhaps the most costly myth in the history of the world. Helen of Trop care less than Mittel-Helen of Troy cost less than Mittel-Europa costs in a day.

It is only fair to say that this is one of he myths which can be realized, and the Allies have found out, recently, that they are fighting to prevent Mittel-Europa, or Central Europe, from becoming a reality. To the credit of the Germans, they discovered that they were fighting to accomplish Central Europe considerably before most Britons woke up to the fact.

Central Europe is not as mysterious as It simply means a variation of the Holy Roman Empire with special inria. But essentially Central Europe means :

That Germany and Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria and Turkey will form a unit. First it will be a tariff unit, so that there tection against the rest of the world. will be a producing unit, so that the four untries will play into each other's hands, fermany doing the heavy manufacture. Hungary supplying food, Austria doing Hungary Supplying food. Austria doing finer production. Turkey and Bulgaria buying the Teutonic supplies. Eventually will become a political unit, the greatest empire in the history of the world, snug in the heart of Europe, able to resist either France or Russia, prepared for war eter-

The Briton Knows What He Is Doing

To the Briton the idea is anathema, and years ago that he would be fighting against Middle Europe in 1917, he is content to fight against it now. He takes his arguout of the German propaganda in its favor.

The objet argument is that Middle Europe is a militarist tyranny. The ablest de-fender of Middle Europe is Friedrich Naumann, whose book "Mittel-Europa" ipub-lished in America by Alfred A. Knopf, New York) is accepted as the standard explana-tion of the idea. That book starts with the assumption that as soon as this war is over Germany will dig a series of trenches north and south along her borders, will fortify the trenches and keep them manned. them Germany will prepare for the next war. (Naumann says so in as many words) All he asks is that there should be no trench east and west, dividing German; from Austria.

gary and with such parts of the Balkans will be left to Germany after the terms of peace are made, then the new industrial system can come into action. All Germany is enthusiastle about the industrial super man. He is called many fancy names: in America he would be called a machine-mat The German word is "impersona!" Nau-mann and others admit that he is the coun-terpart of the German soldier, product of under, they claim; they point to rotten old England as the proof. And they are willing to supply the world with the next type.

The second British argument against Middle Europe is that it does not take into consideration the desires and hopes of all the small nations which lie in the Balkans.

Gettigan repeated his statement. "But where is this Irish navy?" they both dethe small nations which he in the Balkans. The Austrian tyranny over the Croatians, the Hungarian tyranny over the Bohemians and the whole system by which Serbs have been separated from their fellowmen and from their native country, are bound to be made permanent if Mittel-Europa comes into existence. Germans admit that they are not successful countries. that they are not successful coionizers.

Prince von Buelow sadly confesses that In the face of the startling events of March 17, 1917, the Tennysonian preference for fifty years of Europe to a cycle of Cathay becomes actually modest that Germany should give up the portion of Poland when Russia and the poland when Russ mains the chief factor, and if there are small races and weak nations, they will pay the penalty of not being so strong as Germany

The Whole World Involved

The British argument shows that there can be no peace if this tyranny is estab lished. That is why they look to the United States to become interested in southern European affairs. If the United States really wants to prevent another world war, either for the good of the world or for her own good, she will step in and say that the of the Czechs and the Croats and the Serbs to remain free nations must be spected. If the United States does then she may turn about and say to Britain that the rights of Ireland must be re-spected, and to Russia that Finland and the Jews have not been treated as well as they might have been. There will be a number of Britons who will resent such inter-werence. But I know from my own experierence. But I know from my own experi-ence that there will be many more who will be glad to have the United States champion the right of all oppressed people, provided the United States is earnestly ready to do

something for them Middle Europe, then, involves the whole world. It is the political side of the Berlin-Bagdad railway - an enterprise which was never wholly commercial. As a mat-ter of knowledge, the road was not meant to stop anywhere near Bagdad. It was a Berlin-to-Cairo affair, and it had in mind the great Afro-Asiatic Empire which Germany dreamed of. Three-quarters of that scheme are now a reality; the last ter depends on victory in the field.

Not even those Britons whose hearts bitterest about Middle Europe assert that any easy solution of the Baikan question can be found at once. For example, most the Croatians want to be united to the Serbs: but there is a small minority which prefers to stick to the Dual Monarchy bethe Serbs are Orthodox Catholics and the Croatians, who speak the language, are Roman Catholic. And And there Bohemians who prefer Hungary to a separate Czech Empire. These minorities will have to be considered if the problem of southern Europe is to be settled

There was some joy in Britain when it was seen that President Wilson was in-viting the American Senate and the American people to become interested in these matters. Much criticism, of course, fell on the President's head because what he said was not exactly what Britain wanted But he did imply that Germany was not to rule all of Central Europe, and that she was to give up her share of Polan These two blows at "the enemy" were su cent to endear the President to many

One man, however, asked me if the President knew what he was saying, and knew how mortally he was offending Ger-many. I invited him to look to coming events for an answer. He is still looking.

THE BRANDENBURG RING

Emperor William's ancestor, King Frederick I. of Brandenburg, wrote of the Brandenburg ring: "This ring was given to me by my father on his deathbed, with the reminder that so long as it was preserved in the House of Brandenburg, this would not only prosper, but would grow and increase." Frederick the Great guarded the ring with care, but it was stolen Emperor William's ancestor, King Fre and increase." Frederick the Great guarded the ring with care, but it was stolen during the Napoleonic age, and the defeat of the Prussians by Napoleon followed. It was later recovered, and the House of Brandenburg avenged its humiliation and grew greater than ever. Doctor Kuns, in his "Rings" (Lippincotts), intimates that the ring is supposed to be again missing, wherefore the downfall of the Hohansollars is foretold by the superstitions among his

Tom Daly's Column

POVENTING PRODUCED PRODUCED PRODUCED AND MONDAY, MARGIN 18, 1910

ON A MARCH MORNING There's a fillip in this air Last night never knew; Whisperings are everywhere; Round the daten's gates, too, Cloudy curtains stir, and lo! Rosy-flushed are they, Trembling with the joy to know God has passed this way.

Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain sat in John O'D. Mangan's fine limousine, protected from the rain, and rode at the head of the St. Patrick's Day procession in Pittston on Saturday. Behind him the indomitable Celts on horseback and afoot trudged determinedly through the downpour. "A foine body o' min!" said he. 'Aye'." said Squire Roscoe Keating, of the reception committee, "but let you not bother your head about 'em politically. Most o' them are from my bailiwick and they represent a Democratic vote of 1800. On one occasion three Republican votes slipped in-one for Judge Somebody-orother and two for Judge Fuller. Judge ducements to the Turk. All the plans are "laid in Germany." and they are very subtle because no one wants to offend Austion and that's why he ran so far ahead of his ticket."

> Company "Haitch," Pirtsten's crack militiamen, was not at the head of the line as usual, by reason of being on its way home from Mexico. It is due to arrive this week, so the whole show will be given over again.

> > SPANISH EYES After Montoto de Redat

Trust no black eyes' smile or frown, And be cop of eyes of blue: Glances of the chestnut brown Are the only good and true."

-Street Song

Thinkst thou I can hear thy pleading With such singing through the town, Whilst in thy clear eyes I'm reading "Trust no black eyes' smile or frount

Nor in thine, whose eyes are shining Starry for a love-clasp due.-Other warning they are signing: "And be con at ever at blue."

One alone my heart entrances. One with pining bends me down She who turns the mellow glances, "Glances of the chestnut brown."

Hers that hold no trace of scheming Nor cajoling in their hue. Eyes that meet me in my dreaming "Are the only good and true." THOMAS WALSH

Here's Larry Sharkey's latest story; There was a discussion between an Engishman and a German as to which nation in the world had the greatest navy. Of course, the dispute couldn't be decided an inexorable system. The personal cap- without a referee, so they gave that job talist and the individual worker are going to McGettigan. "You're both wrong," said he; "the biggest an' the finest navy in the world is the Irish." "Huh!" they both snorted, "the Irish have no navy." Mcmanded. "Where is it?" repeated McGettigan. 'Huh! How do I know but you're a couple of spies?"

Chinese Inscriptions ON AN INEWELL

Dip here and write!

But let no blot, nor trace

Of evil words deface That which is white.

Though flood or flame assail me I'll keep you safe, my pen; But if in work you fail me, Oh, naught shall save you then! ARTHUR GUITERMAN.

English Overheard by a Neighbor Postman (to little boy who comes to the oor with his mother to receive the morning nath-Well, my little man, why aren't yo

Mother-He ain't went to school yet.

Weeks ago, when the conductor of this olyum was struggling with grip germs modest little volume of verse, "The Valley of Vision," by Blanche M. Kelly slipped into this office from the Encyclopedia Press, of New York, and hid under some old papers upon our desk. Yes terday we unearthed it, and as one brushing aside dead leaves in this season who uncovers unexpected beauty, we came

THE FLOWER VENDOR Now is the winter gone: Here's one tha

Flaunt in the face of gusty March his wares. Though she with hoyden turmoil fi street, Jacinths are here, and here's arbutus sweet, Still wet, and fragrant of the underwood. Up then, poor heart! Let you have hardi-

Somewhere this poet in the dusty coat

Has seen earth laugh, has heard the throstle's note. What matter winds? Let them go railing on. Spring's here! Spring's here! The winter's And again:

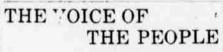
THE LESSER PEACE Before my glass is wholly run I ask a span of quiet years.
When I may wind the thread I've spun.
Learn laughter and remember tears.

Beneath the sky with wind and rain. When buckling on my shallow scrip I leave behind the ways of pain. I ask a little marden close

Wherein to learn the common grace Of herb and flow'r, before the snows Make pale the warm earth's comely face: leaser peace before the great, A little while to court the sun, To sit with folded hands and wait The coming of the Silent One.

"If only they had something to say!"
cried one of America's finest lyric poets,
referring, of course, to the vers librials.
That's true enough. But there & a
language somewhere in between prose and
poetry; and the imagists speak it. There
are some thoughts that require just this
mysterious speech, and the singing poets
and the waiterpater, arthurssymons prose
writers can deny it all they wish. The
imagists, however, must not confuse themselves with poets; they are versifiers, if
you will; or prosefiers; but never poets.
C. H. T. "If only they had something to say!

"General Maude's troops," says a news dispatch, "are not unlikely to be close to the Garden of Gethermane around Holy Week." Very good! Let the Tom-mass' merching nous be "Come Late the



Speed the Street Cleaning. Playwright Calls Upon Nation to Prepare

SPEED THE STREET CLEANING

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Your editorial and cartoon "Clean-liness or Death" unquestionably hits the point, and should drive home the fact in such forcible manner that immediate action be taken to appreciably lessen the experi-ence and suffering of last summer. It might be stated that ninety per cent of the people of this city do not care what may ence and stated that ninety per cent of the might be stated that ninety per cent of the people of this city do not care what may people of this city do not care what may beligerent ship on the world's recognized highway can have nothing to say that will a cleaner city or healthier conditions sur-rounding their homes. This opinion is based upon actual conditions that have been found through investigations and inspections.

Further, the very manner and support of a certain class of people indicate most effectively that they are satisfied with whatever atmosphere to which they have been

Have you ever visited West Philadelphia on Saturday night, where you will find and see storekeepers sweeping the rubbish from stores on sidewalks and upon the highways?

To be concrete, let us look to Fifty-second and Angora streets, Fifty-fifth and Baltimore avenue. Fifty-eighth and Market streets and Fifty-second and Market streets. Also notice such streets after (our vonderful system!) the ash wagons have been through the section. Have you ever noticed the filthy condition of our elevated and subway stairs—a most deplorable con-dition of affairs? And to think Philadelphians are satisfied! Something a little "fifth-rate city like Boston" wouldn't tolerate for a day.

The foregoing may be augmented, but the point is this: If our laws are of no value to correct such evils and the minds of the questionable self-satisfied disease eaders, then let us have proper laws spreaders, then let us have proper laws and enforce them to the fullest extent. The world is what we make it. So it is with the city of Philadelphia, and everything relative to health and safety for the sake of our families and children depends on the pride and manner of each individual. It is hard to cultivate the habits of those who live in an atmosphere of indifference to the safety of themselves and the comto the safety of themselves and the com-munity at large, but it can be accomplished through hard work and the support of a well-organized body which is interested in good safety practices for health and safety of men. women and children.. It might be suggested to your worthy paper, that oner real action is taken the quicker the suits. J. EDWARD VAN DOREN. Philadelphia, March 16.

AWAKE, AMERICANS!

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger Sir-Bully for you and the L There are some Americans in the United States. It did my heart good to read your ringing words in this evening's paper. Here are my sentiments:

Awake, Americans, awake! North, South, East and West. In time of peace prepare for war And caim this great unrest.

Our very unpreparedness Invites a foreign foe. Whose aim to dominate the world Was thought out years ago.

Remember Leigium's fate,
And be prepared to stop a foe
Before it is too late.

WILLARD SPENSER. Wayne, Pa., March 3.

ACTORS AND "SOCIETY"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Your reply to the letter of "M."
printed in today's issue, with reference to
your publishing pictures of stage folk, contains a truth, the existence of which the
narrow-minded individuals who are opposed to the theatre do not or cannot rethat is, that the members of the prare no worse, man for man and worse, then society sither

have "such persons in our homes." My word! Picture, if you can. Ethel Barrymore. Otis Skinner or Grace George "fishfor an invitation to Swarthmore, or any suburb or home in this part of the country. JOSEPH A. McLOUGHLIN. Philadelphia, March 15.

SETTLING THE SURVIVOR

A CHARGE OF BONEHEADISM To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir—Why not use a little judgment in publishing letters from the "pepul"? Why give every bonehead that writes you the satisfaction of seeing his stuff in print? For instance, several persons have written to the effect that if President Wilson advises all American chilzens to leave Mexico he should forbid them taking passage or

a veszel bound for the submarine zone. Now I say that any one who cannot se the difference between a man sojourning in interest your readers, who, I take it, are as a whole a very intelligent, discriminating class that wants to read something CHARLES A. SEMLER worth while. Philadelphia, March 13.

THE NEUTRAL

That they did not ask me to draw the swore When they stood to endure their lot. That they only looked to me for a word, And I answered I knew them not If it be found, when the battle clears, Their death has set me free Then how shall I live with myself through

the years Which they have bought for me?

-Rudyard Kipling in "Sea Warfare." Which they

THE CZAR A QUITTER

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-The Czar is a quitter. He should ave fought for his throne to the death, fo the imperial crown of Rursia is the God-given heritage of the Roman of dynasty Russia cannot and will not remain ONE WHO KNOWS. Philadelphia, March 17.

All Points of the Compass

Casuals of the Day's Work XXXIII

WE HAD known Sumner for many years So had Sidney, and there had come to be the sort of free masonry of fellowship among us that sometimes comes to men after they have come to forty years. is the sort which rarely comes before the time of which Mr. Thackeray wrote, but when it does come it is of a lasting sort which portends the eternal. Thus it was with us. For many months we had not seen Sun

ner. Then, on a day, came a note from his secretary saying that our good friend had been translated to other worlds. It was the will of the gods; yet we forgot Sidney. Six months passed. Then came a letter

"Can you tell me." he asked, "the address of Sumner? I have lost track of him during the last year, but probably he is gone back into his beloved West. I would like to write him, and if you can tell me where he is I'll fell him the news

So we wrote to Sidney and told of tragedy. Then came this letter:

Dear Boy—I thank you for your let-ter. I have not yet got over the shock it gave me. It has brought up vividly the happy years of youth, when we looked forward with brave hearts to the achievement of noble ends. May the good God give his good soul good faring on his long journey. May I quote from Herbert Trench: "If after death, love comes a waking.

And from their camp so dark and

atill,
The men of dust hear bugies, breaking
Their halt upon the hill;
To me the slow and silver pealing,
That then the last high trumpet

pours. Shall softer than the dawn come steal-

For with its call comes yours." And in whatever Elysium the steadfast ut of Charles Sumner Putnam may be andering, it may obser him a bit to know the stead of us observements

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

I. What is a bureaucracy? 2. What is the Yale bowl? 3. What percentage of the land area of the

I. When was the United States Military Acad-

emy established and where is it 5. What is a color sergeant?

6. Who wrote the poem "Thanatopsis" and what does tire word mean?

7. Why is it believed that the Russian revolu-

tion indicates similar action in tireces

8. What are buck laws?

9. What is the greatest land elevation in the

world? 10. Where is the greatest ocean depth in the

Answers to Saturday's Quiz The Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, the

deposed Czar's yourker brother, was named regent of Russia, but abdiested. 2. Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" was published in 1883.

3. The "Von Tirpitz element" in Germany advocates unrestricted use of submarines. Von Tirpitz is former German Secretary of the Navy.

4. St. Patrick was born about 389 A. D. and died in 461. 5. Because they can detect submarines far beneath the surface of the water, like a

hawk sees a fish, airships are formidable foes for submarines. 6. Michael V. Rodzinsko, president of the Dums. Is credited with being leader of the Russian revolution. 7. In war dispatches the "Meuse sector"

means that portion of the western battle front of which the Meuse River is the most prominent feature. Champs Elysees, Paris's famous promenade boulevard, is pronounced approximately "shahnzay-lee-gay," the first syllable

terminating with only a slight trace of the "n" sound. 9. The threatened nation-wide railroad strike was called "progressive" because the em-ployes were to be called out in sections. io. The so-called German "wall in the West" is an elaborate line of trenches, "underground forts" and other defensive works behind the present battle front in north-

Torpedo

F. J. deB.—Long-range velocity of a sub-marine automobile torpedo (2500 to 10,000 yards) is about twenty-five or less knots an hour; short-range velocity (up to 2500 yards), as great as fifty knots. It strikes with sufficient force to drive in the firing pin, exploding the charge.

"Susan Coolidge"

A. E. R.—"Susan Coolidge" was the pseudonym of Miss Sarah Chauncey Woolsey (1825-1905), an American writer of juvenile stores. "Ben machree" is Gaelle for "Ben of my heart." i. e., "Ben darling." "Van machree" would mean "darling wife."

"In Statu Quo"

E. V. G.—'The status quo' is correct, but the Latin expression changes to 'in statu quo' because "statu" is the ablative form of "status." The preposition "in" governs the ablative case.

THE CASE OF THE DRAMA The drama? We never had much of

THE CASE OF THE DRAMA

The drama? We never had much of it, properly speaking, so far as original work is concerned, but we did have great actors, and during the latter half of the nineteenth century our people loved good plays, admirably seed. Most of us can remember the time when the great cities had many theatres offering the noblest work and crowded to the doors. Now, in the last ten years all is changed. Good art has wholly passed except when a master from England or France comes among us in his declining years to give those "farewell performances that mark his withdrawal from active life and the ending of a great era of dramatic art. The taste of the tired business man and the standard and the directing cause of whatever is produced; and whenever his fancy rises a degree above the siliy and the humorously salacious it accurately and the directing cause of whatever is produced; and whenever his fancy rises a degree above the siliy and the humorously salacious it accurately had been decided as humidisches on the direction of the direction of