

OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

HON. W. S. GROESBECK'S ELOQUENT SPEECH. Among all the speeches made at the various Grant receptions...

The first toast was "United States of America," which was responded to by W. S. Groesbeck, as follows: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: We are at a banquet...

In the Statesman's Year Book of 1879, published in London, and accredited throughout Europe, and in reliable publications of the Librarian of our Congress...

What of her magnitude? Her territory is as large as the combined territory of Russia-in-Europe, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Great Britain and Ireland.

What of her resources? You have been reading in our journals, from day to day, of our great harvests of wheat, corn and cotton and other staples.

What of her present condition? Our national debt is, say \$2,200,000,000. That of the nations I have named is more than eight times as large.

The standing armies of these countries occupying as much territory as we do, number nearly three millions of men. They spend their lives in watching the people, whose substance they devour...

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What shall I say of our political institutions? Surely I need make no comparison here. They are the best in the world, the best that have ever been.

press is free, speech is free, and all the inhabitants are free. What shall I say of the chances of life and comfort here? Better than anywhere else.

What of her prospects? I have been making what may seem to you a very ambitious comparison. I have compared the United States, not with any single nation, but with the mass of the nations in Europe.

The aggregate population of these nations in Europe to which I have referred, is about 293,000,000. Ours by the last census, about 39,000,000.

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GRANT ENDORSES GROESBECK. Grant being loudly called for said: "I have listened to every word the eloquent gentleman has uttered and I endorse every one of them.

Americans Through French Spectacles. "What queer ideas you Americans have over there!" said a Frenchwoman to me as we stood one day waiting for our glasses to be filled at one of the springs of Vichy.

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MEN'S muscles move better when their souls are making merry music.

ENSLAVED WOMEN.

THE CAPTURE OF TURKMAN WOMEN BY THE PERSIAN GOVERNORS.

The capture of Turkman women by the Persian governors is one of the greatest crimes of Persian rule in the districts east of the Caspian sea. "An order," says Major Butler, of the British army, "is sent to one or more of the governors of those districts to the effect that no presents have been forwarded to the shah by them of late, and if they do not immediately dispatch substantial gifts another governor will be found to replace them.

Then commences a scene disgraceful alike to humanity and morality. The old women and infants are separated from the young and beautiful (and many of the Turkman women are very beautiful); every point of the latter is looked into and discussed by the men told off for this purpose, just as the intended purchaser of a horse trots out the animal to examine him.

"I assert that the Turkmans never give any cause whatever to the Persians for these barbarities, and that all the marauding and kidnapping is on the part of the Persians. When any Persians fall into the hands of the Turkman it is during one of these robbing expeditions, begun and carried out by the Persians themselves, the Turkmans fighting solely in their own defense.

Treading in the Wine-Press.

In the vineyards near us the girls mounted on ladders and clipped the rich bunches, dropping them into baskets. The way these girls displayed their brown ankles might shock people on your side of the water. But, bless you, there is no evil in the eye here.

"MAMMA," remarked Freddie to his mother, as he came home from school one day, "I wish I was a postage stamp."

A SONG OF NATIONS.

I sing my songs. Ye would not hear, And yet I sing them sweet and clear; I sing of joy, I sing of sorrow, Of tears to-day and smiles to-morrow.

Queen Christina's First Bull Fight.

It is estimated that 17,000 persons were closely packed in all the available space. The boxes presented a brilliant spectacle, being filled with ladies whose toilets were exquisite and becoming.

A New Moral Force.

SUDDEN GROWTH AND IMMENSE POWER OF THE PRESS.

It is here, if anywhere, then, that one can judge of the nature and power of the press of modern times. Although a growth of the last fifty or sixty years, no man doubts or can doubt for a moment its almost omnipotence.

The speaker then gave a rapid sketch of the libraries and literature of the Romans and other ancient nations. Seventy years ago, he continued, the press was nothing. The battle of Waterloo was given less than five hundred words in the London Times.

COURTESY comes from a good heart, and is perennial.

BONAPARTE.

FRESH VIEWS OF HIS APPEARANCE, SAYINGS, AND CHARACTER.

The translations from the memoirs of Mme. de Remusat, now appearing in the Revue des Deux Mondes, are of absorbing interest as furnishing fresh insight into the character and motives of the most extraordinary man of modern times.

"Although very remarkable for certain intellectual qualities, nothing was more debased, it must be confessed, than his soul. He had no generosity, no true grandeur, I never saw him admire, and I never saw him comprehend a noble action.

"Bonaparte is of small stature and not well proportioned, the upper part of the body seeming to press upon the lower portion. He has scanty chestnut-brown hair, and gray-blue eyes.

"I was brought up," he said to me, "at a military school, where I evinced a taste only for exact sciences. Everybody said to me, 'There is a boy who is good for nothing but geometry.'

"My campaign [in Italy] was a glorious one; I became a personage in Europe. I sustained the revolutionary system with one hand, with the other I managed the emigres in secret, allowing them to retain some vestiges of hope.

"In Egypt I was free from the shackles of irksome civilization; I dreamed of all sorts of things, and I saw a way of executing all that I dreamed of. I created a religion, and I saw myself on the point of penetrating Asia, seated on an elephant, with a turban upon my head and in my hand a new Koran, which I had composed according to my own fancy.

A SCHOLAR in a country-school was asked, "How do you parse 'Mary milked the cow'?" The last word was dismissed as follows: "Cow, a noun, feminine gender, third person and stands for Mary."

Sidney Smith's Courage and Kindness.

WIT AND WISDOM OF SIDNEY SMITH.

Subsidiary to this personal courage was his hopeful way of looking at the world. He was always practicing and inculcating the disposition. "Some very excellent people," he said, "tell you they dare not hope. To me it seems much more impious to dare to despair."

Wooing and Winning in Greenland.

When the Danish missionaries had secured the confidence of the Greenlanders marriage was made a religious ceremony. Formerly the man married the woman by force. One of the missionaries writing to his journal describes the present style of courtship as follows: The suitor coming to the missionary, said: "I should like to have a wife."

The Fortunes of the Presidents.

Washington left an estate worth \$800,000. John Adams died moderately well off. Jefferson died so poor that if Congress had not given \$20,000 for his library he would have been bankrupt.

The death is announced at Washington on Monday of one of the cleverest and most accomplished of American women, Mrs. Charlotte Brooks Wise, the widow of Captain Henry A. Wise, United States Navy, and the only daughter of the late Edward Everett.