found to possess many possibilities of happiness, which the markings spoiled for passing on.

Inspired with this idea of sending out remembrances that might be multiplied four-fold a new set of cards was given to Mrs. Alden by the Recorder's staff and these cards were at once sent out. The thanks received for them were so pretty that an item was made of them in the New York Recorder. This caused further correspondence and resulted in a club for the exchange of friendly greetings. The name of "Chat" was at first chosen for the column, but in time the membership grew so large that the mo to "Good Cheer" was adopted and in 1896 the name of the society was changed to the "Sunshine" Society, and its active members were to include all who were desirons of brightening thropic. The nearer one draws to the life by word, thought or deed.

The growth of the Society has been almost phenomenal. From the parent society branches have sprung up until every State in the Union is represented with regularly enrolled presidents and organizers.

When a State has ten branches, each one consisting of at least ten members, the becomes entitled to a State president. Besides the thousands of members in the United States, there are fourishing branches in England, Japan, India, France and Germany.

The Society Motto.

The competition to furnish the Somety's motto ran for three months and



PRESIDENT GENERAL ALDEN.

among the many thousands of verses received the following poem sent in by Mrs. W. H. Chase of Brooklyn was selected:

Good Cheer.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. Twas not given for you alone-Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another's tears, Till in heaven the deed appears-Pass it on.

At the time the verse was selected no one knew the author and it was not for several years after the Society had adopted the mette that the writer was discovered to be Rev. Henry Bur-Burton wrote the poem twenty-five years ago and had almost forgotten it until the Sunshine Society brought it into prominence. Mr. Burton is rector of the Lytham Episcopal Church and has become so interested in the Society that now everybody in his church and Sunday school has become

a Sunshiner. Mr. Burton's parishioners are buildto raise funds for a handsome memorial window bearing the poem which has inspired so many to acts of kindness and thoughtfulness.

and helpless ones and are constantly

Though the Society has never solice sted funds it is estimated that \$100,000 has been given to carry on its work. From the International headquarters, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City, nearly \$60,000 has been expended in the past five years to make others happy.

Newspaper Ald.

The newspapers must be given credit in a large degree for the growth of the Society. Originating in a news-paper office it has everywhere received the endorsement of the press until today over 200 papers are regularly carrying Sunshine departments.

The Society has a publication of its own called the Sunshine Bulletin, of which Mrs. Alden, the founder and president-general, is editor.

Features of Sunshine Work.

Each State division of the Sunshine Society endeavors to have some established feature besides the individual sunshine each member strives to scatter. This work takes the form of day nurseries, homes for crippled children and aged ones, maintaining beds in hospital wards, fresh air and outing

BULL RUN BRIDGE.

The greatest evil the Society has to contend with is the fake sunshine solicity and the ready response that every appeal of Sunshine receives has made it possible for these grafters to reap s rich harvest. Readers should remem ber that the only authentic Sunshine Society has Mrs. Cynthia Westo er Alden as its president gent and is called the International Sunshine Society.

BULL RUN BRIDGE.

One of the Historic Landmarks of the Civil War.

About this bridge clings some of the herote that the sanguinary battle of the property of the United States—the 1861 began—Tyler's division of the herote history of the United States—the 1861 began—Tyler's division of the government hospital for the government hospital for the grounds, some of them receiving out-of-door relief, some absent on furlough and some in the general hospital at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

In the South a creek is called a run, brigade of the Confederate army on the west or left hand side of the picture, and the Evan's brigade of the Confederate army on the west or left hand side of the picture. There was fighting in the neighborhood of the bridge in 1867, and a borhood of the bridge in 1867, and a bor

THE BEGGAR TRUST.

REGULARLY ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MULCTING THE PUBLIC.

Ingenious Make-Ups and Cruel Devi-ces Practiced-Arrest Made and the Principals Sent to Prison.-Famous Orient Beggar.

As old as is civilization, so old is the history of the beggar kingdom, for wherever have been found any collection of men, the beggars there played their business despite indifference and the scorn of the majority, yet always reaping their harvest from the philanwarmer countries more and more numerous one finds the professional beggar. Egypt, India and Italy are the worst examples. In countries which boast of their higher civilization beggary flourishes not through want or privation, but through a class of peo-ple who make beggary their profes-sion and who have made a fine art of the methods of reaching the soft hearted. And beggars of this class do not seem to stop at criminality. A recent case was noted in press

dispatches of unusual brutality practiced by a beggar upon three children in Austria who had been kidnapped from their parents. The children told a terrible tale of suffering at the hands of the beggar who had broken their legs in two places and then twisted the limbs out of shape, so that in knitting together the bones would not set straight. The man sent the children out to beg for him and their piti-ful condition made compassionate peo-ple give large sums because of their apparent misery

Fake Deformities.

While a number of the beggars found in large wies are really deformed—blind, lame, maimed, crippled, or deaf and dumb, yet it is a known fact to the police authorities that there are establishments where idle, worthless and lazy persons are readily manufactured into objects of charity. The theme of one of the best of the Sherellesk Helmes' stories is a wonderful. lock Holmes' stories is a wonderfully 'made-up" beggar who fools the police



THE KING OF BEGGARS

and the regular detectives and in fact ing a beautiful new church and Sun-shiners the world over are planning old hands in the detective force state to raise funds for a handsome memo-that this principal situation is in no way overdrawn as applied to actual

A Close Corporation Sult.

Following the example of large cor-One of the unique features of the Bociety is the payment of membership fees which consists merely of some a "beggar trust" through the efforts of fees which consists merely of some kind act which will bring "sunshine" to some one. It may be only an exchange of books, pictures or flowers, or it may bring more material benefit. In one State a well known woman has paid her dues by educating some boy as long as she lives instead of placing a costly monument over her son's grave. In nearly every State in the Union the Society owns a wheel chair given in memory of some dear one. These are passed around to crippled and helpless ones and are constantly

**More of the efforts of a one-legged youth who had left a comfortable home to engage deliberated this master, "tell Serden and left a comfortable home to engage deliberated this master, "tell Serden and left a comfortable home to engage deliberated this may bring more material benefit. In begging. His remarkable in sight into business methods would probably have reaped him a greater reward than was derived through beggary. Organizing a community of interest among the mendicants of Park Row, he picked out favorable points throughout the city to which were assigned certain men. A lame youth who had left a comfortable home to engage deliberated in the load his rifle with ball and cartridge and "Excuse me, sir, I forgot something." Interrupted the inventor, and with a hunted look he disappeared.

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The proper distance between the eyes is the width of one eye. might not be molested in their work, eyes is the width of one eye.

lookouts were appointed for each, and at the same time made hourly collections of the money passed out by a



PROSPEROUS SPANISH BEGGAR

generous public. These earnings were generous public. These earnings were placed in a large pool, part of which was used in payment for legal representation when one of the "trust" might be arrested. At one time there were thirty men in the corporation, but the police of New York gradually got one by one of the members into the toils of the law and the "trust" was broken up. was broken up.

By Telephone.

"This is the residence of J. Pierpont Morgan. The house is on fire. Send an engine at once. This is Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. Morgan's son-in-law, talking.'

There was unusual excitement at fire headquarters recently when the telecame over the wire.

chimney

"For heaven's sake, do not use any water," Mr. Satterlee begged. water," Mr. Satteriee begged. You navy and army. This was done. The will ruin irreplaceable paintings if you do. The fire is in the chimney. But every enlisted man and officer 12 1-2 please be quick."

The firemen yielded to Mr. Satterliceman Daniel Kelleher on the roof. He had almost extinguished the fire by throwing salt down the chimney. The fire caused no damage.

Quickly Disposed Of.

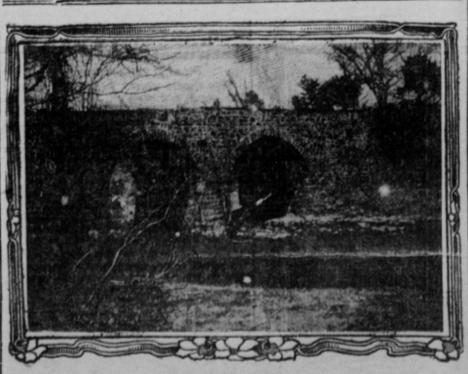
A certain colonel is an authority on all military matters, and he is often tution. rapid firing guns, rifles, dirigible war Home excepting those in the corps of balloons, and other martial inventions. trained nurses in the Home hospital. his private room at the barracks with a friend when a servant brought in a

card. "Oh, send him in," said M. "His business won't take more than a minute or two."

There was shown in a wild-eyed, long-haired man, twisting his soft hat

nervously in both hands.
"Colonel," he said, "I have here"—
and he took out a small parcel—"a bullet-proof army coat. If the government would adopt this-

"Put it on. Put it on," said the soldier, and he rang the bell. The servant appeared as the inventor was getting into the coat.





OLD VETERANS' HOME.

TWELVE HUNDRED OLD SOL-DIERS ARE CARED FOR IN COM-FORT AND PLENTY.

Maintenance of a Great Institution Through Compulsory Contributions of Nien of the Regular Army.-Has Beautiful Grounds.

The National Soldiers' Home in the District of Columbia is the only insti-tution of its kind in the United States. The home was founded March 3, 1851. phone rang and the foregoing words The idea of the establishment is said to have originated with General Win-The engine was sent, and no team field Scott, after whom the main build-ever made a quicker run. When the ing of the Home is named, and of firemen arrived at 219 Madison avenue, whom there is a fine bronze statue in the home of the multi-millionaire, they the grounds. During the occupation of found Mr. Satterlee in the doorway. Mexico General Scott exacted a sum of The only sign of fire was a slender money from that country. The money sheet of flame shooting out of the was paid to him, and he asked Conchimney. lishment at Washington of a home for "You disabled enlisted men of the regular cents from each months' pay. Fines from court martial and money due lee's request, and used hand grenades deserters is turned into this fund. Im-instead of the hose. They found Po- provements at the Home are contemplated, which call for the expenditure of over one million dollars. The Home has on deposit in the Treasury of the United States a fund of more than two million dollars. It should be borne in mind that the Government of the United States does not contribute one dollar to the support of this great intuition.

No v On one occasion he was sitting in Much of the work at the home, farm work, dairying, gardening, road maintenance, housework, cooking, waiting on table, etc., is done by the inmates, who are paid for their services out of the Home fund.

There are about 1,200 veterans in the institution, Many of them are civil war soldiers, some were disabled in the West Indies, others in the Philippines, some in the Indian campaigns, and some were discharged from the service for disability incurred in camp and garrison. Many of the Home inmates are mere youths. Every hon-orably discharged soldier or sailor, who needs shelter, finds it at the Na-

"Jones," said his master, "tell Ser-geant Brown to order one of his men Washington's finest park. It is glori-ous in summer and majestic in winter, Washingtonians know this, and in fair weather a throng of persons afoot,



SCOTT HALL.

awheel and with horse or auto show their appreciation of the beauty of the place. The grounds embrace five hun-dred acres of hilly or gently rolling land and fine vistas of the city and its environs may be had.

During the year a new administra-tion building has been constructed, and a large addition to the hospital has been made. A new mess hall is pro-jected. The plans for the new hall call for an imposing building of white marble, rock-faced, to conform in style of architecture with the Scott building.

According to last report of Gen. H. Hawkins, governor of the Home, there were 1301 permanent inmates on June 30. Some of them were actual





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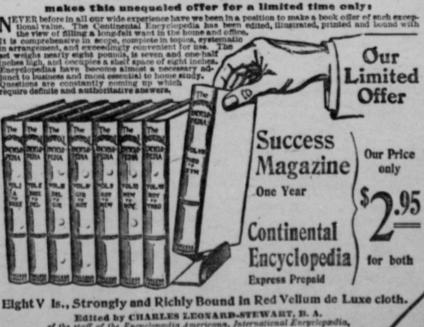
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