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For an ancient despotism they have some strikingly modern ways in China.

It has been calculated by a Genoese journal that the discovery of America cost about \$7500. Columbus had a salary of \$393; the captains of the Nina and Pinta got \$180 each; the sailors received \$2.50 each per month.

M. de Royer, who is recognized as one of the leading authorities on questions of heraldry and genealogy in France, calculates that in a single year about \$20,000,000 have found their way into the pockets of the French nobility through the successful quest of American heiresses by titled Frenchmen.

The "little brown men" of Japan are catching up rapidly with the ways of civilization. Directors of the Nishi Nari Railway Company have discovered a deficiency of \$270,000 in the company's assets and have demanded an explanation.

In New York and other cities the public authorities are hotly blamed for the inadequacy of school accommodations, and the building of new schoolhouses presses hard upon the reluctant appropriators.

La Patrie, the official organ of the French-Canadians, is reminded by England's course with respect to Fasboda of the cruel tyranny with which the United States has treated Spain.

The Pesther Lloyd, of Vienna, Austria, reviews the legislation in relation to anarchism passed in different States during the last fifteen years.

HOSANNA AND HUZAZAH.

Ere ever the guns are silenced; Ere ever the mandate, Peace! Shall fall on the raging nations,

PRETTIEST ROMANCE OF ALL THE WAR.

By ADA PATTERSON.

The most dramatic romance of the war with Spain is that of young Lieutenant Luke W. Terrill, of Louisville, Ky., and Senorita Maxia Antonius, of Barcelona, Spain.

YOU HAVE BEEN A GENEROUS FOE.

IMPLORE you to keep the coat. Its bloodstains and its bullet holes will remind you of a Spaniard's death wound and his thanks.

A girl who had been holding the hand of the Spanish captain, Jesu Antonius, in hers felt the fingers stiffen and grow chill.

The Spanish physician tolerated the touch of the American upon the body of Captain Antonius. He saw it was a strong and wise and tender touch.

"I am in charge of fifty men, who are guarding the hacienda of a rich Spaniard from Barcelona, who is skirmishing somewhere near Ponce.

war, and he proposed and was accepted. The senorita and her duenna returned to the hacienda that day.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE.

Lieutenant Terrill is convalescing rapidly at his home at Louisville, but not half as quickly as he wishes.

A NAPOLEONIC ENSIGN.

Richard Harding Davis, in an article in Scribner's Magazine on the Porto Rico Campaign, relates how Ensign Curtin demanded the surrender of Ponce, as follows:

He is about the youngest-looking boy in the navy, and he is short of stature, but in his methods he is Napoleonic.

"How long will it take that military commander to get down here if he hurries?" demanded Ensign Curtin.

The tameness of the deer in Maine is remarkable. They clump with cattle in the pastures and make themselves at home in barnyards.

If greatest were the test of avoirdupois the place of honor would be filled by Maurice Canon, a native of the small frontier town of Stein, in the State of Constance.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

As a Special Concession—Not a New Discovery—An Invitation—Stated With Precision—Evidence of Ability—A Grave Charge—His Sister's Way, Etc.

Not a New Discovery. "A member of the French Academy says that the growth of hair can be stimulated by music," remarked Mrs. Darley.

An Invitation. First Tramp—"Do you want ter take lunch wid me to-morrow?"

Stated With Precision. "I suppose," said the admiring friend, "that you gave a great deal of thought to that big case you just won?"

Armed For the Fray. Wilkins (about to discharge the cook)—"I'm mighty glad I saved these football things of Tom's."

Evidence of Ability. "Skidley always seems industrious," remarked the gossip. "And yet he never accomplishes much."

A Grave Charge. First Police Official (anxiously)—"I hear that one of our men has beaten half a dozen inoffensive citizens to death."

His Sister's Way. Teacher—"Bobby, if your mother gave you sister six apples to divide equally with you, how many would you get?"

The Fish's Trouble. "How are you getting on?" asked the first fish.

His Mistake. She—"They say that a little learning is a dangerous thing."

Was He a Coward? Wife (to lion tamer, who has been out late)—"You coward!"

Turning Away Wrath. "It really made me indignant, Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton.

A Better Price. A clergyman was very much vexed by one of his congregation.

French and British Coronets. French counts have nine equal pearls in their coronets, while the British baron is entitled to a coronet of four big pearls.

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

The solutions to these puzzles will appear in a succeeding issue.

5.—A Double Acrostic. 1. A place of burial. 2. A person famed for noble action.

6.—An Hour-Glass. 1. Murmurs of discontent. 2. Condemning for a long time.

7.—Three Buried Cities and One Buried State. 1. After what, bezique became the fashionable game.

8.—Five Pied Lakes of the United States. 1. Acersay. 2. Ellstam. 3. Adon.

Solutions to Previous Puzzles. 1.—A Geographical Charade.—On-iar-io.

4.—A Decapitation.—Broil, roll, oil, I

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The least distance of Mars from the earth is about 36,000,000 miles, and that of Venus 24,000,000.

A dredging and shoveling apparatus worked by electricity has been supplied to a Colorado placer mine by a manufacturing company.

The elephant has more muscles in its trunk than any other creature possesses in its entire body.

Professor Lupo, of Naples, Italy, puts his patients with diabetes upon an exclusive vegetable diet with no restriction as to kind, as he claims, with the most satisfactory results.

M. Bequerel reported two years ago that salts of uranium throw off an invisible radiance much like that of the Roentgen rays.

In Germany the slag from furnaces is used in the manufacture of bricks. The slag is granulated and mixed with lime and water.

Mancoba rubber is produced in Brazil by simply cutting the bark of the tree, letting the sap run in drops to the base, where by the action of the sun's rays it coagulates and forms an irregular solid mass.

The men have long straight hair which they dye a flaxen color and which in thick folds hangs over their copper-tinted shoulders.

They have no weapons of defense. They marry only once, the superstition being that if a married man or woman dies the deceased's spirit has gone ahead and is waiting for the other half.

A Budget of Definitions. Memory—The index to a person's thoughts. Barytone—The singer who is classed as a bass imitation.

ON THE FARM.

Well, boys, the corn is gittin' dry and huskin' time is drawin' nigh!

I see the airy frost has come And teched the path of cabbage some; I hope the winter wheat ain't hurt.

"His Honor is at steak," said the waiter when the county judge was at dinner.

Bob—"What makes you think a leopard can change his spots?" Fred—"Well, he can change his hide'n places, can't he?"

He (desperately)—"Will you marry me? I've asked you to marry me twice." She (anguinely)—"No; I wouldn't even marry you once."

Twynn—"A lately-discovered antiseptic is called by its German discoverer, 'Potassiumdinitrorescolate.' Triplett—"How did he discover its name?"

Visitor (in insane asylum)—"And this poor fellow is the father of triplets. Why does he continually call for a gun?"

Madam (to riding master)—"Well, sir, do you think I make any progress?" Riding Master—"Certainly; you fall much more gracefully than you used to when you first began."

"That's quite a draft from the west this morning," remarked the banker to the cashier as they glanced over the mail.

"Did you see the story of that fellow with only \$800 who succeeded in falling for \$30,000?" "Sure."

Sabbath School Teacher—"Why, Petey Murphy! Fighting again? Did not last Sunday's lesson teach that when you are struck on one cheek to turn the other to the striker?"

A traveler announces as a fact (and though he is a "traveler" we believe him) that he once in his life beheld people "minding their own business."

Doctor—"Well, Johnnie, don't you feel better since I gave you the medicine?" Doctor—"Yes; I forgot all about being ill."

Teacher—"Johnny, can you tell me what is meant by 'steward'?" Johnny—"A steward is a man that doesn't mind his own business."

One of the special trophies of the battle of Waterloo was carried off by the Scots Greys, the regiment which, at Dettingen, in 1748, captured the white standard of the celebrated Household Cavalry of France.