

COLOR OF RAGE.

Discovery That Red Affects Men Similarly to Animals.

Why does the bull so strongly object to a red rag? While the professional physiologists do not, as yet, appear to have found any satisfactory explanation of the fact, a French manufacturer of photographic materials professes to have discovered that bulls are by no means the only members of the animal kingdom who are excited by anything red. A large number of hands are employed in the manufactory, both male and female, and most of the work has hitherto been performed in rooms to which all the light that was admitted came through panes of red glass. Hardly a day passed without some terrific disturbance taking place among the workpeople. Now it was a duel almost to the death between two of the men, now between two of the women; sometimes the melee was general. "Workshop regulations" were absolutely ignored, and no amount of fines or other punishments seemed to have any permanent deterrent effects. This state of affairs was assumed, until recently, to be inseparable from work carried on in uncomfortable conditions. At length it occurred to some bright spirit that the red panes of glass might be at fault, and it was decided to try what the effect of green panes would be. The effect was instantaneous. From that day a sudden peace fell upon the whole workshop that had never been known before. Bickering and fighting ended as if by enchantment, and voice of man or woman was never heard raised above a whisper.

Flower's Experience in Congress.

The late Roswell P. Flower, of New York, used to tell some amusing stories of his Congressional experience.

"The House of Representatives is the only place I ever got into where money didn't count," he remarked the last time I saw him, two months or more before his death. "A rich man is actually handicapped there. In the first place, a country member is naturally prejudiced against the Representatives from the city, particularly those from New York city. They seem to think that the New Yorkers are a lot of high-waymen. You find the same spirit in national conventions and State legislatures, and the fact that a city delegation wants something is a good reason why a countryman should vote against it. The easiest way to kill a bill in Congress is to have the New York Chamber of Commerce send in a memorial asking its passage. Then every countryman will vote against it sure."

"When the city member is rich that makes him all the worse. During the first session I was in Congress I saw more than \$10,000 trying to convince my fellow members of the House of Representatives that I was a good fellow. I gave them dinners and wine and picnics and set it up for them every chance I got, and while they enjoyed it as much as anybody, it only made them suspicious. They could not understand why I should spend my money entertaining them without some base motive behind it. I was a city man representing a country district. In other words I was a wolf in sheep's clothing, and they were very shy of me. I didn't ask anything of anybody. I only wanted to be popular and give the boys a good time, but the more I spent on them the worse they got."

"Toward the close of the first session," continued Mr. Flower, "after everybody in the House had accepted my hospitality and drunk my wine and eaten my terrapin, I tried to get a bill passed—a bill giving a pension of \$12 a month to a poor old woman up in my district, whose husband and son had died during the war. The cost of one of my dinners would have paid her that pension all the rest of her life. Somehow I couldn't get that bill up for a long time, and when I did get it up pretty nearly everybody on the Democratic side voted against it. I went over to Joe Blackburn and I said: 'Joe, why in the old Harry don't you fellows vote for my bill?' and he took me over in the corner and gave some good advice. He opened my eyes to the situation, but I didn't believe him. I could not conceive that the Democratic members of that House were such trifling fools as to suspect me of trying to play them for suckers, and I says, 'Here, Joe, you take that bill and see if you can get it through.' Darned if he didn't call it up the next day during the morning hour, and it passed without objection; but if he had known it was my bill it wouldn't have got a vote."

"This feeling wore off after a while. They found out that I wasn't a high-wayman or a conspirator, but just an ordinary good fellow."

Curious Christian Names.

I remember hearing the following story from the late Canon Bardsley, author of "English Names and Surnames." There was once a woman—a Canon, by way of parenthesis—who had a son whom she had christened "What." Her idea seems to have been that when in after days he was asked his name, and kept saying "What," amusing scenes would follow, which was likely enough, especially if the boy was careful to pronounce the aspirate. Such a scene did, I believe, occur once when he went to school, and was told, as a newcomer, to stand up and furnish certain particulars. "What is your name?" asked the teacher. "What," blurted out the boy, amid the laughter of the class. "What is your name?" asked the master again, with more emphasis. "What," replied the boy. "Your name, sir!" roared out the infuriated pedagogue. "What, What!" roared back the terrified urchin. The sequel I forget, says a writer in Notes and Queries, but I believe it was one of those cases in which the follies of the parents are visited on the children of the first generation.

We Filter Foreign Water. Most of the great water filters now in use by large industrial institutions in all parts of the world are the product of this State. The largest of these is the filtering plant in St. Thomas, Canada, which has a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons daily. Other large plants from New York are in New South Wales, Columbia, Norway, Germany, Russia and Siberia.—New York Sun.

"I understand you were drunk again Saturday night." "Nop, you're misinformed. It was merely a renewal of previous drunk."

LOST THEIR MINDS

MEN MADE INSANE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

News and Notes From the War in the Philippine Islands, Classified and Condensed for Busy Newspaper Readers.

Lieutenant Gilmore and nineteen other American prisoners, rescued from the rebels arrived at Manila on Saturday night from Vigan. They were found on December 18 near the head waters of the Abalet River, after they had been abandoned by the Filipinos. Although tanned and ruddy from exposure, Lieut. Gilmore is weak and nervous, showing the results of long hardships. He speaks warmly of Aguinaldo and very bitterly of Gen. Tino, declaring that while in the former's jurisdiction he was treated splendidly, but that after he fell into the latter's hands he suffered everything.

After the party were captured they were all taken to San Isidro, where Lieut. Gilmore, who had been wounded in the knee, recovered from the effects of his injury. They were then marched to Vigan, where, under Aguinaldo's orders, they received excellent treatment. When Gen. Tino arrived at Vigan, however, they were thrown into jail and were held incommunicado for three months. Gen. Tino, who appeared to have been a bloodthirsty individual, issued orders condemning to death any natives who were friendly to the Americans. Lieut. Gilmore wrote five letters to the General asking for food and blankets, and requesting that the prisoners be allowed to take exercise. No attention was paid to these requests for some time, but eventually Gen. Tino visited the prison and promised that the Americans should have what had been asked for. Needless to say the promise was never fulfilled. The lieutenant in command of the party told Lieut. Gilmore that he had received orders from Gen. Tino to kill all the American prisoners, but he said that his conscience forbade him to commit murder, and he therefore intended to abandon them to look out for themselves.

The following soldiers, declared to be insane, have been sent to Washington, D. C., from the Presidio Military Reservation: Sergeant Thomas F. Collins, Company G, Sixth Infantry; Sergeant Owen H. Wisman, Hospital Corps; Privates Thomas F. Barry, Hospital Corps; Anton Barber, Company E, Fourth Infantry; Michael Gallagher, Company C, Twenty-third Infantry; Geo. M. Barton, Troop C, Fourth Cavalry; Walter A. O'Neill, Battery F, Sixth Artillery; Louis Ford, Company L, Fourth Infantry; Emerick Mulner, Company B, Sixth Infantry; David E. Young, Company A, Seventh Infantry; Frank Thayer, Company I, Seventeenth Infantry; Geo. W. Decker, Company E, Eighteenth Infantry; Joseph Hoffman, Company E, Twenty-second Infantry; George J. Nixon, Company I, Twelfth Infantry. Nearly all these men lost their minds as a result of campaigning in the Philippines.

President Schurman will not return to the Philippines when the other members of the Philippine Commission go back to Manila. Admiral Dewey's return is also more than doubtful.

Archbishop Chapelle, the papal delegate to the Philippines, has arrived at Manila.

Captain Leary, Governor of Guam, has abolished the Spanish system of peonage, amounting to slavery, and has deported all the Spanish priests from the island.

Col. Sytar, three other rebel officers, eighteen men and Aguinaldo's wife and sister and the sisters of Col. Leyba, surrendered at Talabin, province of Bontoc, Monday, Jan. 1, to Major March, of the Thirty-third Volunteers. One American prisoner was with the party of rebels.

Two battalions of the Thirty-ninth have captured Cabunay. The Americans landed under cover of the guns of Laguna de Bay. The insurgents occupied a very strong position. Shrapnel was used and they retreated fighting to Santa Rosa, where they were soon routed by reinforcements from Calamba. The American loss was two killed and four wounded. The loss of the insurgents was severe. One hundred prisoners were taken.

SPORTING NEWS. "Tom" Sharkey is responsible for the statement that in the future he will act as his own manager. The Sailor says that his contract with O'Rourke, his manager, expired on January 1, and that he will not renew it. He says he will gladly accept Jeffries' offer to fight immediately after the champion's battle with Corbett.

"I don't put much credence in the report from Chicago that the American League intends to start a baseball war," said Edward Hanlon, manager of the Brooklyn team. "It's all right to talk of new leagues and baseball wars, but when it comes to getting the money—there's the rub."

A special cable states that Mr. Foxhall Keene broke his collarbone while hunting in England.

A baseball war is on. The American League will break the national agreement and try to organize strong clubs at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and Milwaukee.

The L. A. W. is to have a bill introduced into Congress providing for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to be expended in highway improvement. Representative Graham of the Twenty-third (Pa.) district will present it.

Articles of agreement have been signed for a six-round bout between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack McCormick, at Philadelphia, Jan. 20.

Fremont, O., is to be the scene of a test as to wheelmen's rights to ride on the sidewalks when the roads are in an impassable condition. E. S. Thomas, a local official of the League of American Wheelmen, will contest the case, and he will receive the support of the Ohio division. The outcome will be awaited with interest.

Secretary Bassett, of the League of American Wheelmen, received 77 renewals of expired memberships and 16 new applications last week.

Edward Cresinger was hanged Jan. 3 at Sunbury, Pa., for the murder of Daisy Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Events of the Week Told in a Few Words.

James W. Chase, a builder and contractor of Buffalo, New York, has been adjudged as a bankrupt. His liabilities are given as \$223,309, with assets of only \$15.

Brigadier General George W. Davis, Military Governor of Puerto Rico, has arrived in Washington in response to the President's summons, who desires to consult him in regard to conditions and proposed legislation for the island.

The Ohio Wesleyan University has received \$50,000 for its endowment fund from a woman in Indiana who does not want her name known.

Miss Myra Morella, the prima donna, is in a critical condition from lung affection at Archer, Florida, and her death is expected.

The President has issued an executive order designating certain land at Honolulu as military reservations, subject to outstanding leases and private rights.

Judge Ludwig, in Milwaukee, has ordered that the Mayor and the Aldermen who voted for the passage of the street railway ordinance show cause before him why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

The special sessions of the Michigan Legislature, which has just adjourned, has accomplished nothing, a majority of the senators being opposed to the taxation and other measures urged by Governor Pingree.

A company has been organized at Duluth for the erection of a grain elevator and warehouse there of 4,500,000 bushels capacity.

The churches of Boston and vicinity will unite in a memorial service to the late Dwight L. Moody, to be held under the auspices of the Evangelistic Association of New England, in Tremont Temple.

The St. Louis World's Fair Committee has decided to ask Congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 in aid of the undertaking.

Italy has returned a favorable answer to the recent note of the State Department respecting the 'open door' in China.

Altogether thirteen villages in the Achalkalak district of Russia have experienced earthquake shocks. Six of these places have been completely destroyed and eight hundred bodies have already been recovered.

Fourteen-year-old Thomas Smith, of Chicago, has been restored to sight and hearing through the X-ray used in conjunction with the surgeon's knife and trephining bit. The boy is at the West Side Hospital, and there is said to be no doubt of his recovery from the operation.

The Brazilian government will impose an additional tax of 10 per cent. on imports from Australia and Portugal, and 30 per cent. on imports from France and Italy, to take effect March 1.

A Rio de Janeiro despatch says that the bubonic plague has broken out in the city and the neighborhood of Sao Paulo.

The public revenues of Newfoundland for the six months that ended December 31 were \$1,043,000, which is \$230,000 over the figures reached during the corresponding period of 1898.

William Waldorf Astor has contributed \$5,000 to the Prince of Wales's hospital fund.

The Fitchburg railroad has been leased to the Boston and Maine on a 5 per cent. basis.

The Chicago University has practice phonetic spelling.

The Manila health officers have found a native with all the symptoms of the bubonic plague in a house in the walled city, where two suspicious deaths have occurred. The patient has been isolated and every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

The bubonic plague has reappeared at Honolulu.

The New York Legislature convened Jan. 3, but little business was transacted other than the formal election of officers, and after listening to the Governor's message both houses adjourned until Jan. 10.

Railroads belonging to the Eastern trunk line pool has put into active operations the new freight tariffs, involving an advance of 20 to 25 per cent. in rates, although technically the new rates were to be effective on Jan. 1.

At a terrific speed the overland limited train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad was rushing through the darkness Tuesday night at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with no engine driver at the throttle. The fireman saw that the train was running wild and discovered that the engine driver was missing. He was afterward found with his skull fractured. He had fallen from the train.

A committee of the stockholders of the Port Jervis, N. Y., National Bank reports that the bank's capital has been impaired to the amount of about 75 per cent. through the defalcation of Lewis E. Goldsmith, formerly assistant cashier.

The Boston Ministers' Union will call Congress for legislation to secure postal rates on library books sent from the universities for home study.

The gold yield for 1899 in New South Wales was 509,418 ounces, an increase of 168,925 ounces over 1898.

An earthquake on Monday destroyed ten villages in the Achalkalak district of the Government of Tiflis, in Russia.

Dr. Von Bloch, the Russian writer, announces that the proposed Russian war exhibit at the Paris exposition will be omitted upon the czar's order.

On January 18, Emperor William, the Empress and numerous princes will celebrate at Koenigsberg the 200th anniversary of the coronation of the first king of Prussia, Frederick I.

POLITICAL. Ex-Senator Joseph C. S. Blackburn has been formally named by the Kentucky legislature to succeed Senator Lindsay. Both Houses of the Legislature organized by electing the nominees of the Democratic caucus.

Representative James J. Myers, of Cambridge, has been nominated for Speaker of the Massachusetts House by the Republican caucus.

A HONOLULU BELLE

Miss Helen Wilder, Heiress to Sugar Millions—Beautiful and Eccentric.

Honolulu, the city of the Pacific Isles, has a policeman. Her name is Helen Wilder. She is a beauty and the heiress of many millions made in Hawaiian sugar. She is twenty-three years old.

Miss Wilder is a regularly appointed special officer of the Hawaiian police force. She wears a soft felt hat on which glitters the silver star that proclaims her a policeman. She also carries a revolver and is not afraid to use it. She has made several arrests unaided.

The honor of being a policeman was not forced upon Miss Wilder. To be exact she solicited it. The Hawaiian heiress loves children and animals, and it was to protect her small and lowly friends that she asked an appointment on the police force.

It was reported recently that the captain of a steamship that had put into port at Honolulu had mistreated his children. Miss Wilder boarded the ship and found that for a slight offence the captain had locked the children in a stateroom for several days, keeping them on a bread and water diet. To the astonishment of the protesting captain she promptly marched him down the gangplank and straight to jail.

Recently Miss Wilder has come into the courts through her zeal as a "copper." She detected one Olaf Hollefson, a street car driver, in the act of driving



HELEN KINAU WILDER.

a mule whose shoulder was bleeding from a chaffing collar. She compelled him to leave his car and passengers and go with her to the police station, where she had him "booked" for cruelty to animals.

Hollefson claimed that as Miss Wilder had no warrant the arrest was illegal. He claimed \$5,000 damages. The courts decided in favor of Miss Wilder.

Miss Wilder is a belle. She can dance like a fairy. She is past mistress of the feminine art of coquetry. Two men testify, in gloom of spirit, to the fact that she is an adept at the game of hearts.

She rides a horse with the daring of a vaquero. She handles the reins with the deftness and daring of a stage driver. She swims and rows with the grace and strength of a Kanaka. But wherever she is or whatever she may be doing, she carries a pair of handcuffs to snap on the wrists of the enemies of children and animals. News has recently come by way of San Francisco that Miss Wilder has been married.

Sunday in Mexico.

Any unfortunate citizen of the United States who, from an unwillingness to work or take part in the various concerns of life, has acquired a reputation among his neighbors for being trifling, should emigrate at once to Mexico. Life there seems to wear about as serious an aspect as a comic opera, and such a citizen would be looked upon as a worthy addition to the chorus.

One of the important things in Mexico is to own a game cock, and on Sunday mornings if you leave him tied by the leg to a convenient awning post while you attend services in the church, you will excite no comment among your neighbors. In fact, the voice of the priest is often almost drowned by the crowing out on the street. Cock-fighting and bull-fighting, as every one knows, occupy the same relative places in the affections of the Mexican as baseball and football hold in the American heart, and on Sunday afternoons is reserved for them.

The policeman in a Mexican town is an official of importance and dignity. His uniform may be dirty and ragged, but he wears a cartridge belt and six-shooter in addition to his club, and is usually seen with a cigarette in his mouth. Five or six of these worthies will drag a poor trembling wretch to the police station with a flourish worthy of the capture of a brigand.

The Mexican wears a hat covered with gold and silver braid, that is usually worth more than all the rest of his and his family's wardrobe, and it is this, together with the gay-striped blanket and the swagger of the fellow that gives him such an air of stage make-up.

It is always dangerous to judge the people of a town by those most in evidence on the street, but if I were called upon to set a valuation of the people I saw in some of these Mexican towns I should be tempted to make my calculations by the dozen or hundred rather than by the single native. With all their love of finery, neither the men nor women are much given to gay colors. Black and white predominate. But the bright sun makes it all gay and fetching.

When a Mexican grows old he seems to shrink up until there is little to be seen of him but a big hat and a scrap of blanket pulled tight over his meagre shoulders. His beard and hair stand out white and distinct from his dark, shriveled face, which looks like that of a mummy in its frame of white. Life in one of these towns is as absolutely different from what one sees in an American village as though it were a bit of Egypt or India. Yet it may be seen at the end of a three-days' journey from almost any of the Eastern and Northern States, and is well worth the journey.—Harper's Weekly.

FIRE RECORD.

Fire destroyed the four-story brick building on the corner of Market and Middle streets, Portland, Me., occupied by F. O. Bailey & Co. as a carriage repository. Loss, \$100,000.

Fire Jan. 7 did \$100,000 damage to the Commercial Hotel block at Columbus, Miss. The heaviest losers are Donaghe wholesale grocery, Teasdale music store, Cox grocery store and the Commercial Printing Company.

Fire in Mears village, Mich., destroyed three stores and the post-office, express and Township Clerk's office.

The \$50,000 stock of Morgan, Puhl & Morris, manufacturers of military supplies in Detroit, was destroyed by fire Jan. 3. The Parisian Laundry Company and W. T. Flisk, shoe manufacturer, were burned out. The building was owned by the Palm estate, and was damaged \$5,000.

Big Snowstorm in Alaska.

Steamers from the north bring news that southeastern Alaska was visited week before last by the heaviest snowstorm known in years. Three feet of snow fell in less than twenty-four hours. The storm extended from Lake Bennett to the coast and from Prince William Sound south to Wrangell. The White Pass Railroad is having its first experience in keeping its road open by the use of rotary snowploughs. The great niche in the side of the cliff which was blasted out to make a right of way for a large part of the twenty miles between Skagway and the summit was blown full of snow. There was danger that the rotary might jump the slippery track and go plunging into the canyon thousands of feet below. The last report says that the rotaries were able to keep the road open. Between Bennett and Dawson the weather has continued clear and cold. The telegraph line has been down between Selkirk and Dawson for ten days. A week before it was prostrated by storm the company received over \$200 in tolls between Skagway and Dawson.

MILITARY AND NAVAL.

The hospital ship Missouri has sailed from Manila for San Francisco with 286 sick soldiers on board.

Work has so far advanced on the United States battleship Wisconsin at San Francisco that she will make her trial trip within two weeks. Her main battery of four thirteen-inch guns will be the heaviest ever mounted on an American man-of-war.

Captain F. A. Cook, who commanded the cruiser Brooklyn in the battle of Santiago, has told President McKinley that he was responsible for the loop made by the Brooklyn, for which Rear-Admiral Schley has been criticised.

W. L. White, former Quartermaster General of Michigan, disappeared after being indicted for conspiracy to defraud the State in the sale and purchase of military supplies.

\$1,000,000 to Aid the Boers.

Representatives of various Irish societies have met in Philadelphia and decided to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 to be used in sending men to assist the Boers in their war with England. Col. John Scannell, of New York, presided, and presented a report stating that it was desired to attain and suggesting the way that the money shall be secured. The report, which provides for assessment of members of all Irish societies, was adopted. There were about five hundred delegates present. It was decided that Philadelphia shall be the headquarters for the reception of funds and the direction of operations.

Fined for Not Curing a Toothache.

"An advertiser has to stick to the truth in South America," said the representative of a large shipping concern. "I know that seems incredible, but it's absolutely true. Some years ago a dealer in New-Orleans sent an assorted lot of patent medicines to an American agent at Santiago, Chili. Among the stuff was a lot of toothache drops, which were warranted on the bottle to cure the worst case of toothache in ten minutes. Here nobody would take such an assertion seriously, but down there it's different. The first man who bought a bottle made an immediate application, and then pulled out his watch. When ten minutes elapsed and the tooth calmly continued to ache he was furious and at once had the agent arrested. The poor fellow was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to three months in jail. Through the efforts of the American Consul the imprisonment was knocked off, but he had to pay the fine, and it broke him up in business. That story is absolutely true, as can be testified to by a dozen people now in the city. It is sad to fancy the effect on commercial circles generally if such a law were enforced in the United States."

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