

CONCERNING HUMILITY.

Low in a town yard, grassy paved, A humble dandelion grew. Above her head tall lilacs waved, Proud in their plumes of blue.

The Price of Freedom

THE air of Arizona was dry and stifling and the doors of Davis County jail stood open to the four winds of heaven, but there was a padlocked cell in the board shanty, scarcely good enough to pen a sheep in, but quite good enough for a horse thief, and it held Jim Flack.

Brentnall's River Leap.

As there is more or less interest just now in the town of Jackson, Brentnall County, let me mention one fact in connection with the place which may have been overlooked in the rush.

The Derelicts on the Ocean.

The currents of the North Atlantic Ocean bear always on their ruffled surfaces, year in and year out, at least two scores of derelicts—half sunk and abandoned vessels that drift aimlessly over the sea, helplessly, lonely, pitiful menaces to navigation, as fatal to their sister ships as sunken rocks, fog-bound icebergs of hurricanes.

Keel-Like Sharks.

Some years ago a fisherman on the Georges Banks off the Maine coast, or in that vicinity, brought up a remarkable fish twenty feet in length which was entirely new to him.

The Yard an Arbitrary Measure.

The yard is an arbitrary measure. Its use as a measuring standard goes so far back that it is not exactly known now or where it first became a standard of measurement.

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The AMERICAN SOLDIER: An IMPROVED FIGHTER.

BY FRANKLIN MATTHEWS.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL.

who had seen service in the Civil War, in fighting Indians, in Cuba, in the Philippines, and in China, stood on a knoll near headquarters at Fort Riley, Kansas, in the early part of last October, peering through his binoculars at a great cloud of dust made by a regiment of cavalry as it dashed furiously across the plain in one of the sham battles by the regulars in the ten days' manueuvres there.

The gray and wind-tanned Brigadier could repress his enthusiasm no longer, and he turned to a friend, who had left the Army at the close of the Civil War and who was his guest at the manueuvres, and said: "Best soldiers in the world, Colonel?"

At the close of the day a squadron of cavalry stopped to water the horses on the way to camp. The Colonel's eyes lighted up as he examined their equipment. "Ah," he said, "here's one thing you haven't improved upon. You still use the old McClellan saddle."

HIS WEAPONS THEN AND NOW.

For a week the active man of military service and the active man of business who had come back to small powder and renew the martial spirit of his youth went into every detail of the manueuvres. They took a Krag-Jorgensen rifle and had a private hit a tree more than a mile away.

The Giant Squid.

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WHAT DID HE DO THEN?

The "Problem Story" That Has Taken the Attention of Some Club Women.

"Problem stories" are still rife and popular among those clever Chicago club women who enjoy sharpening their already keen wits upon hard and perplexing questions. Never a "club luncheon" or an informal gathering of any kind, or one of the "after club" sessions that are always so enjoyable and pleasant takes place without three or four of these stories being presented.

A certain man, of marked business ability and equally marked business integrity, had been persuaded by a trusted friend to purchase heavily of certain stocks. After he had signed the agreement to take the stocks, but while they were still unpaid for, he happened to attend the theatre.

He caught sight of some reference to the lately purchased stocks, however, and, unable to resist the temptation to see what was said of them, read the letter through.

To his horror and dismay the man to whom the letter was written was strongly warned against buying any of the stocks in which the writer of the letter had induced the inadvertent reader to invest so largely. The inadvertent reader was still further horrified to find in what a direful predicament he was now placed.

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New York City.—Shirt waistists that combine horizontal with vertical tucks are among the novelties of the season and are shown in a variety of styles.



A Swarthy Trimmed Hat. A white chignon hat in the graceful shepherdess shape would be smart trimmed with straws of narrow black velvet ribbon.



Fashion in Yokes. Contrasting yokes are much in vogue. This fashion is exemplified in a frock of pale rose canvas linen which has a yoke of deeper shade worked in a Russian design with white flax thread.

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Motor Skirts.

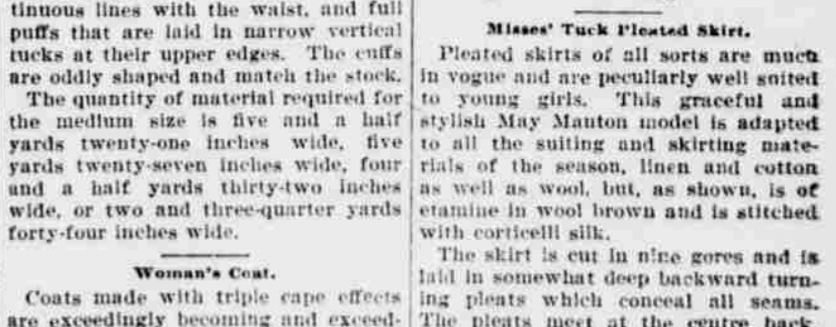
The new pleated motor skirts are especially smart in all the dust-colored cloths, voiles and coarse alpaca, which latter material is, of course, ideal for the purpose.

Pretty and Simple.

A pretty and simple hat of dark blue straw is trimmed with a thin Persian gauze, a blue foundation, with the pattern in deep color tones. There is only a single feather used with this.

Barbaric in Bigness.

Really nice things, made smartly and in good materials, are almost barbaric this year. One handsome dark blue



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Pleated skirts of all sorts are much in vogue and are peculiarly well suited to young girls. This graceful and stylish May Manton model is adapted to all the sultry and skirting materials of the season, linen and cotton as well as wool, but, as shown, is of etamine in wool brown and is stitched with corticelli silk.