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SAILORS COULDN'T SLEEP.

They Reinstituted the Watch and Were Watching for Spaniards and Waiting for Revenge.

"It was a constant round of drills and picket duty on our ship at Dry Tortugas after the Maine was blown up," said a recently returned naval officer to an Electrical Review man. "We were 70 miles at sea, with no source of news, and we didn't know when a Spanish fleet would heave in sight. We all worked harder than ever, chiefly to keep our minds occupied. My division included what I considered the crack gun crew of the ship, and the way those boys handled the rapid-fire guns was something delightful.

"After a week or two of this unusual drill, which developed a proficiency truly amazing, I noticed that my pet gun crew became listless and a trifle slow in their work. They seemed to lack heart. Sharp words and reprimands only served to stir them up temporarily. I was at loss to account for this change, and set out to discover the reason. I called up the old gunner's mate and asked him what he thought was the cause.

"'Don't know, sir. The boys is all right, sir—only I guess they don't sleep very well, sir.'

"More puzzled than ever, I resolved to keep my eyes open. Jackie is a queer bird at times. The next night I was officer of the deck and had the mid-watch. Along about two bells I thought I heard voices forward, and went to investigate. There was that whole blessed crew stowed away as comfortably as possible upon the deck, looking out to sea. Some were lying down with their eyes glued on the water, others had their elbows on the guard rails with their chins on their arms looking out over the waves.

"I went aft and sent for one of my men, and asked him why he wasn't below in his hammock where he belonged.

"'Well, sir, we ain't a-goin' to get caught asleep down below in our hammicks like those Maine boys, sir. We owe the Spanish something for that and something for ourselves. We are all tryin' to be first to sight a Spaniard, sir, so we're watchin'—that's all, sir.'

"Here was the explanation of my gun crew's listless performance. They were working as hard as men could work and getting little or no sleep. It wasn't fear that kept them awake—not by a long shot. It was simply the desire to be the first to sight a Spanish ship and the hope of getting the first shot at her. The suspense of inaction was what worried the boys."—Electrical Review.

KING OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

A Business Man Who Owns Miles of Land, But May Be Dispossessed.

Newfoundland has a king and he is R. G. Reid. Many years ago in the face of much opposition the government started to build a railroad through the island, and the natives, ignorant fishermen, tore up part of it. Several contractors took hold, but they were unsuccessful too. Then the government started again, and the resumption of the work was partly responsible for wrecking all banks and nearly ruining the colony in 1893.

Then Mr. Reid, a contractor from Montreal, agreed to take hold if he were to get 5,000 acres of land for each mile of the railroad or its branches he completed. He introduced modern methods of construction and built a first-class railroad. Now the government has turned over to him the acres promised, making 250 square miles, and has given him franchises for all electric railways, coal mines, copper mines, petroleum deposits, the government dry dock and the privilege of erecting pulp mills and other industries under the benefit of a protective tariff. All he paid for this was $1,000,000, half of which is to be returned in subsidies.

The bill was rushed through the legislature with only one dissenting voice, and no debate was allowed. The value of his gift is worth easily $20,000,000. Many privileges not mentioned are possessed by him. A year ago a paper was read calling attention to the great mineral wealth of the island, and the paper was very much commented upon. After the elections were over it was seen that a new government had entirely supplanted the old.

Then this deal was heard of. The excuse for making it is that the government needed $500,000 to take up some bonds and that the money could be obtained in no other way. It may be that England will investigate and annul the whole proceeding. As things stand now Mr. Reid is the largest single owner of land in the world, and can make or unmake the government at his will.—N. Y. Press.

Some New Frills.

This season the wood colors and grays are the principal colors, and the wood colors are smarter than the grays, for the last-named were worn all last summer, it will be remembered.

Buckles and fancy buttons are among the new things on the spring gowns. The buckles may not buckle and the buttons may not be used to fasten the waist, but they must needs be worn in order to give the proper finish to any smart gown.

All the buttons are on the jeweled order, with the exception of those in jet and gold, and these have the effect of onyx and are not like what are generally known as jet buttons.—Chicago Record.

Uses for Old Boiler Shells.

When the old boiler is so worn out that it is of no further use as a boiler, it may be that before it goes to the scrap heap, the final estate of all things iron, the shell—the tubes and heads having been removed—is made to serve as a part of a smokestack. The iron used in the boiler is heavier than that used in making stacks of a corresponding size, and so the old boiler shells make good smokestacks.—N. Y. Sun.

Bright Idea.

The Kansas City Journal reports that a deputy marshal made the remarkable discovery, which he says he can prove to the satisfaction of anyone, that of the visitors that come to the jail there are more white people than negroes that cannot write their own names. From 300 to 800 people visit the jail each week. About half of them are negroes and half whites. Each visitor is required to sign his or her name in the jail register before going inside the cage where the prisoners are kept. Occasionally a person comes along who cannot write his name, and in cases of this kind the deputy in charge at the time writes it for him. One of the deputies noticed that nearly all those who could not write were men or women who were getting old. He noticed, too, that more negroes could write than whites. This started him to keeping statistics on the visitors who could write and this is the result for two weeks. "Last week there were 312 visitors. Of these 195 were whites and 117 were negroes. Of these nine whites could not write their names and they were all men past middle age. Of the negroes there were only five who conid not write, and each of them had been born in slavery. All the negroes of the younger generation could write and wrote in good hands. The week before last there were 680 visitors and about half were negroes. Seven negroes of this number could not write and 11 whites had to ask the deputy to sign the register for them.

It is said that all sorts of war jobes poured in on the government attracted by the $50,000,000 national defense appropriation. A southerner sent up word that palmetto cabbages make the best kind of fortifications and offered, for a consideration, to buy up all in sight and deliver them to points for coast defense. A citizen of Kansas City wrote the hog bristles make bullet proof cloth which, in the form of thick mats, could be hung around on the sides of the war vessels. He added, incidentally, that, in anticipation of the adoption of his suggestion, he had secured an option on all the hog bristles in the market.

According to the Army and Navy Journal, the first states that will be called upon to furnish troops to co-operate with those of the army in the event of hostilities, it is understood, will be New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio and Illinois, which the war department regards as being the best equipped for prompt service. If the entire force from these states were called into service it would aggregate in round numbers 39,577 officers and men, and constitutes the cream of the national guard force.

The donkey cure for whooping cough has been introduced in America. It is for the patient to take a ride on a donkey whose back is marked with a black cross. The remedy is certainly harmless, says an exchange, and the fresh air and fun of the thing ought to be beneficial. As whooping cough is almost wholly confined to very young children, it is hardly likely that this very singular remedy will prove popular.

It is reported that a sheep-eating horse has been carrying terror to the horses and farmers near Claysville, Mo. The horse some weeks ago developed a taste for sheep. He has killed 18 or 20 sheep in that neighborhood, and has eaten three. He seems to thrive on his peculiar diet. Neighbors insist that he be shot, but the owner has had him fastened in the stable and thinks he will outgrow his peculiar appetite.

All of us have listened to prosy talks and felt like yawning, if we did not actually yield to the inclination and give expression to "that bored feeling." But it is not often that the man who makes a dull speech owns up to the fact. The duke of Devonshire won great fame a few years ago by yawning in the middle of one of his own speeches, saying afterward that "he could not help it, it was so excessively dull."

Signs are misleading. For instance, that familiar sign with the scare headline: "Sputum Is Dangerous." A day or two ago, says a metropolitan exchange, a conductor saw a gentleman spit on the floor. He was told by the official to read the sign. "I did," he answered. "That's why I spit it out. I was afraid to swallow the sputum." Nature's first law is self-defense.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson assures the American farmers that all the sugar imported into this country, amounting to $100,000,000 a year, could be raised on 1,000,000 acres of land planted with beet root. The land is here, the men to cultivate it are here, the market for the product is here—all that is needed is to get the industry started.

The growth of cremation in popular favor has been one of the marvels of the last ten years. A new illustration is given in the incineration of the remains of that leader and exponent of the tenderest sentiments of women—Frances E. Willard.

The following conundrum and answer were propounded by a Summit (N. J.) clergyman: "What passage in Scripture is recalled by a visit to the large department stores in New York?" "All the days of my appointed time will I wait until my change comes."

Jinks—I want to buy a dog. I don't know what they call the breed, but it is something the shape of a greyhound, with a short, curly tail and rough hair. Do you keep dogs like that?

Fancier—No. I drowns 'em!—London Punch.

A Proverb Verified.

When maidens don't know how to bike
You will agree to this:
For him who teaches, it's a case
Where ignorance is bliss.
—Puck.

A Presumption.

Lady (in railroad train on windy day)—Dear me! I can't get this window up.

Gentleman (behind)—I would assist you, madam, but I presume the railroad company has glued the windows down to prevent the loss of so many patrons by pneumonia.—N. Y. Weekly.

Oral Evidence.

"How true it is," muttered Mr. Meeker, "that actions speak louder than words! They strike the ear with more force."

And he softly rubbed his right auricular organ which his energetic spouse had just boxed.—Chicago Tribune.

How It Worked.

Knight—I was told I could go to sleep by counting. I counted up to 13,986, and—

Day—Then you dropped off into peaceful slumber.

Knight—No; then it was time to get up.—N. Y. Journal.

A Home Thrust.

Old Cobwigger—I'd like to know who sent me this abusive letter; I'll bet it was that crank next door.

Mrs. Cobwigger—I reckon not, my dear; it was some one who knows you much better than he does.—N. Y. Truth.

Reason for It.

"Thank Heaven," exclaimed Gobang after the spat, "there is no marrying in Heaven."

"Certainly not," said his wife, sweetly, "women do not marry each other."—N. Y. Evening Journal.

An Explanation.

"I have a great respect for art," said the young man who dabbles.

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "it is a characteristic of human nature to view with awe things that we don't know much about."—Washington Star.

His Objection.

Mrs. Trotter—Oh, doctor, can't you persuade my son that football is dangerous?

Doctor—Ah, madam, would you have me gain the enmity of the entire medical profession?—Harlem Life.

Proof.

She—A woman is braver than a man.

He—What! Why, a woman is afraid of a mouse.

She—Yes, and a man is afraid of that same woman.—N. Y. Evening Journal.

A Woman's Idea.

"Jones says he is entirely a self-made man."

"Well, he must be put together with awfully long stitches."—Chicago Record.

True Indications.

"Are the Tompkins living happily together?"

"Very. They quarrel every other day and make it up every day."—Brooklyn Life.

A Hot Dream.

Hewitt—I dreamed last night that I was dead.

Jewett—And woke up all covered with perspiration, I suppose.—Town Topics.

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FROM EUROPEAN NATIONS.

Gathered for Our Readers by Our Regular Correspondent at Rome.

Dr. Schweninger, Bismarck's physician, is going to lecture at Vienna on a novel plan. He will appear on the stage with a Berlin editor, who will put questions which the doctor will answer.

Victor Baillot, who fought at Waterloo and was subsequently discharged from the French army at the age of 22 years as a consumptive, died recently at La Roche-sur-Yon, aged 105 years and ten months.

Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany found 144 German servant girls last year to whom she could give the golden servants' cross for having lived 40 years with one family. Only one was found in Berlin.

Three traveled Welshmen gave a horseflesh banquet at a Rhondda Valley hotel recently, to which they invited 84 persons. Only seven, however, presented themselves to feast on a "sirloin of four-year-old horse."

A case of leprosy in its worst form has been discovered in London. No hospital or home for incurables will take the patient in and no means of isolating him from contact with other persons has been found yet.

For preventing a railroad disaster by the timely discovery of a broken rail and stopping of an approaching train a locomotive engineer at Halle on the Salle received a reward of two marks (50 cents) from the railroad company.

It is the wife of Folchi, the painter, who eloped with Princess Elvira of Bourbon, who has obtained a divorce from her husband, with 300 francs a month alimony, and not the princess, who was never married to her lover.

FOR PERSONAL USE.

A New York man has patented a glove with elastic webbing in the sides of the fingers and thumb to stretch as the glove is pulled on, thus making it fit any sized hand.

To assist in holding four-in-hand ties in place after they are tied a wire clip is attached to the collar on each side of the button and extending outward to form a loop through which one end of the tie is passed to draw the knot down to the proper position.

Hair ribbons cannot slip off the hair if a new retainer is used, comprising a toothed plate having a hook, a flexible strap attached to the plate and a lever catch on the strap to engage the hook after it is drawn over the hair and ribbon and hold it in a closed position to grip the hair.

A recently designed hat pin is split at the rear end, with the sections bent outward and then inward across each other, ending in a knob or head, the sections being forced together as the pin is pushed in and opening inside the hat as soon as the crossed portion is reached to prevent the pin from slipping out until released by turning the head.

INFANTILE HUMOR.

"What's veal, Benny?" "Oh, it's the part of the cow we eat before she grows up."

Mother—"Now, Jamie, you know that Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden of Eden." James—"In a phaeton or a carriage, mamma?"

Visitor—"And who are you, my little man?" Cuthbert (with conscious pride)—"I'm the baby's brother."

Grandmamma—"What are you doing in the pantry, Tommy?" "Oh, I'm just putting a few things away, gran'ma."

"Say, gran'pa," asked little five-year-old Minnie, "does the good people all die young?" "So they say," replied the old gentleman. "Well, grandpa," continued the little lady, "if that's true you must be an awful wicked man."

Little Jeanie, the three-year-old pet, was playing with her rag doll in the front room of her home not long since, when suddenly her quick eye rested upon one of those large, shiny, black bugs which occasionally fly indoors on summer nights and was slowly crawling along the carpet. The little observer came running out to the kitchen, with great excitement, exclaiming: "Mamma, mamma, there's a prune in the parlor! Come and see it walk."—Chicago Daily News.

WHY, OH, WHY?

Why isn't a wealthy actor a fixed star?

Why can't a man save time by stopping his watch?

Why shouldn't a sleepy man be of a retiring disposition?

Why are not more sermons equally as deep as they are long?

Why does the average young lady pine for a spruce young man?

Why don't chattering teeth usurp the functions of the tongue?

Why should the wearer of a stovepipe hat take cold in his head?

Why does a sin look twice as big to a man before he commits it as it does after?

Why is it that the man who drinks five-cent whisky and smokes three-for-five cigars never swears off?—Chicago Daily News.

ODD MARRIAGE CUSTOMS.

The wedding ring finger of the Romans was the thumb.

The wedding ring, worn on the left hand, is symbolical of obedience.

Every finger of the hand has, at some time or other, been used for the wedding ring.

When Mary Stuart was married to Lord Darnley, four rings were used in the wedding ceremony.

At a certain part of the marriage ceremony in Java the bride washes the feet of the bridegroom.

Spanish peasants believe that the water in which a wedding ring has been dipped will cure weak eyes.

The Roman bride, when being dressed for the wedding, invariably had her hair parted with the point of a spear.

JESUS CRUCIFIED.

Sunday School Lesson for the International Series for June 12, 1898—Matthew 27:33-50.

[Based upon Peloubet's Select Notes.]

GOLDEN TEXT.—Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures.—1 Cor. 15:3.

TIME.—Friday, April 7, A. D. 30. The crucifixion lasted from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

STORY OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

I. Crucified on Calvary.—Vs. 33-37. Jesus was brought to Calvary. 35. "They crucified Him." Crucifixion was an unspeakably awful form of death.

38. "Then there were two thieves (robbers) crucified with Him." This was to throw discredit on Him, as representing to the multitude that He was executed as a criminal.

37. "And set up over His head:" A white tablet nailed upon the cross to declare the crime of the one crucified. "His accusation, . . . THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS:" It was written in three languages,—in Greek, the language of literature and culture; in Latin, the language of law and power; in Hebrew, the language of the Jews, the language of religion.

II. Scenes Around the Cross.—Vs. 36-44. First Scene. Jesus refuses the soothing draught of wine mingled with a powerful narcotic drug, bitter, but offered as an anasthetic, to stupefy and dull the sense of pain.

Second Scene. The first of the seven words from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:24), was probably spoken in the height of agony, when the cross with the victim upon it was dropped with a sudden wrench into its place in the ground. But it was even then a word for others, not for Himself.

Third Scene. Parting His Garments.—Vs. 35, 36. Soon after the crucifixion, nine o'clock. 35. "Parted His garments, casting lots." The four soldiers of the guard divided His garments into pieces among themselves, except his tunic, or undergarment, for which, since it was woven in one piece, they cast lots (John 19:23, 24). This was one of their perquisites. "That it might be fulfilled" which was spoken by the prophet" (omitted in the R. V., as an accidental interpolation from John 19:23, 24, where it rightly belongs). The Scripture referred to is quoted from Psa. 22:18, Septuagint version.

Fourth Scene. The Mocking Crowd.—Vs. 39-44. Continued from nine o'clock till noon. 39. "They that passed by:" On the thoroughfare, near which the crosses stood. "Reviled him:" His crucified condition was in such contrast with the title over Him, and with His own words, as to excite the mirth of the crowd.

40. "Thou that destroyest the temple:" A perversion of Jesus' words (John 2:19-21) which were brought against Him at his trial (Matt. 26:61). "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross:" If He had used His power and come down, it would have proved Him not to be the Son of God. He did not come down, because He was the Son of God.

42. "He saved others; himself He cannot save:" Implying that His saving others was only imaginary, a cheat.

42. "And we will believe Him:" But they were mistaken; they would have found some other excuse for not believing, for He did something more wonderful—He rose from the grave, and yet they did not believe.

Fifth Scene. The Robber's Conversion.—Luke 23:39-43. Toward noon. While the crowds were mocking, Jesus was actually doing some of the work He came from Heaven to do. One of the robbers, while hanging on the cross, was converted and forgiven, and began even then that new life which could be developed and matured in Paradise. "To-day:" not in the distant future only, "shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Sixth Scene. Jesus lovingly commits His mother to the care of John. Toward noon (John 19:25-27).

Seventh Scene. Three Hours' Darkness Over All the Land. From twelve to three o'clock. 45. "From the sixth hour:" twelve o'clock. "Darkness over all the land:" This darkness must have been supernatural.

III. The Death of Jesus Christ.—Vs. 46-50. "About the ninth hour:" three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour of the daily evening sacrifice. This was fitting, since the daily sacrifice was a type of sacrifice to the Lamb of God for the sins of the world. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani" are the modified Hebrew of Psa. 22:1. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This does not express a fact, that God had really forsaken Him, "but a total eclipse of the felt sense of God's presence it certainly expresses."—Brown.

47. "This man calleth for Elias:" partly a misunderstanding, "Eli" for "Elias," and partly a mockery.

48. "One of them:" The soldiers or bystanders. Because, as recorded in John, Jesus said: "I thirst:" This is the sole expression of bodily suffering. "Filled it with vinegar:" The posca, or common drink of the Roman soldiers, viz.: Cheap acid wine mingled with water. "A reed:" In John: "Upon hyssop;" a hyssop stalk. "Gave Him to drink:" Hoffmann says that Jesus refused the intoxicating draught before the crucifixion began, that His senses might be kept clear; and that now He accepted the refreshing draught for the same purpose.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The deed transforms the place, as Calvary, the place of execution, has become the center of the world's history and the world's salvation.

The cost of salvation smites all indifference to religion. If Christ was willing to die that we might be saved, what ought not we to do?

The cross expresses God's feelings toward sin, His readiness to forgive sin, the terrible evil and danger of sin that costs such a sacrifice for deliverance from it. No one would suffer so much to save others from a slight evil or little danger.