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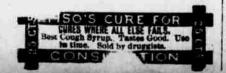
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There was a house party the other day at a sountry place not for from a thriving young village, and among the guesta were several parente and guardiess of young children, who were living in town, several of them occupying houses that stood on one or two ordinary-sized lots. They rarely got away from home for a day, and were enjoying their outing to the utmost. Kearly all of them had been city dwellers, who had settled in this suburban place, partly for the sake of room in which the youngsters could have a better chance of out-of-door exercise and development, and partly because the country was cousidered more healthful than the city. Their talk turned upon rapid transit as a means for suburban development, and each and every one agreed that with the enormous amount of unoscupied land all about the vicinity, is was a great misfortune that transportation facilities were not sufficiently available to make it possible for families. who, for any reason, did not wish to keep horses, to live in some of these delightful localities. But this involves an amount of care and cost that persons of moderate means are unable and unwilling to incur, says the New York Ledger. If families with children could live where there were good facilities for getting to business the land would speedily be taken up and comfortable and commodious homesteads would spring up along every highway. Schools would increase in number and quality, and every belonging would have added importance and value. With every good house and well-fitted place the adjacent property would become more attractive, and improvements would grow by what they fed upon. Where there are many well-to-do residents, there are always advantages in the way of social and intellectual treats. The extreme of enjoyment is found in communities where there are a number of familles of congenial tastes, possessing from moderate to independent incomes. They plan excursions, get up clubs, picuics, parties and pleasurings of all descriptions, their children are all friendly and never lack for proper associates. They have the good of the neighborhood at heart and feel a certain amount of responsibility for whatever transpires there. They have the keenest interest in the moral atmosphere of the place, and can, on occasions, form themselves into a committee of citizens to regulate affairs, correct abuses, restrain vice and root out vicious tendencies. But the greatest of all the benefits of suburban life and the rapid transit that makes such n life possible is the sense of relief from the espionage of prying eyes. "I haven't been able to go out upon the back steps of my house for six months," said one of the ladies who made up the house party, "without feeling that there were prying eyes peering at me through the slats in the blinds. When I got up here I just threw out my arms and took a good one of those novelty seekers who long breath of relief, and the children doesn't know anything of hygiene, hair got out into the back yard and shouted and raced about, scarcely able to ought to know, if you don't, that the contain themselves, so filled were they Trains leave Schniggers Junction
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"We," remarks a Missouri editor, "are getting a little tired of this life insurance business. When a man dies nowadays the first thing they ask is: Was he insured, and for how much? The papers also generally wind up the obituary notice with the amount of insurance. Soon the obituary notices will read something like this: 'Peter Jones died and left a wife and two children. Loss fully covered by insurance.' Or, if the deceased is not insured, it will read about as follows: John Smith is dead. He leaves a wife. Total loss, no insurance."

The queen regent of Holland, in a proclamation issued upon the occasion of the end of the regency, expressed the wish: "May our country become great in everything in which a small nation can be great." Greatness in the greatest things is entirely within the reach of the least important nation. Righteousness, honor, courage, sympathy, all the things that exalt a people, are not necessarily associated with extent of territory or aggregates of population.

One of the odd ways of making money at Chickamauga has been by tattooing the soldiers. The tattooing artist reached the camp of the First Missouri, and in two days cauried away about \$170 from the regiment. He charged from 25 to 50 cents for a set of fnitials inclosed with a fancy scroll. Both officers and men patronized him liberally, and some of the "spread cagle," "flag" and other patriotic designs are quite artistic.

It is a humiliating fact that the world is now paying more for instruments of destruction and the enginery of death than for churches, schools, arts or letters. And out of this fact the Krupps, the great German gunmakers, have wrought their fabulous

RIGHTCAPS ARE COMING.

Rac It That the Old Fashion m Headgear In to De Borived by Women.

Nighteaps are coming. There is no particular reason sesigned for their revival. It is a mere caprice of the fickle Dame Fashion. The fashion nowadays seems to be to revive sid fashions, and perhaps that is the reason for the newest freak.

Fair young wemen who have never seen a nightcap are now wondering how they will look. The nightcap was familiar enough to the people of a generation or two ago, but there are few women who are willing to admit that they have ever seen one. The ideas of the majority of the people of to-day on the subject are formed by the reference found in the novels of homely English life. Mr. Pickwick wore a nightcap, and so did the woman into whose room he got by mistake one night. Mrs. Nickleby's nightcap was much in evidence. She thought a good deal of it and gave her son her ideas on the subject.

"People may say what they like," observed Mrs. Nickleby on one oceasion, "but there is a good dead of comfort in a nighteap, as I am sure you would confess, Nicholas, my dear, if you would only have the strings to yours and wear it like a Christian, instead of eticking it up on the very top of your head like a bluecest boy. You needn't think it unmanly or a quizgical thing to be particular about your nighteap, for I have often heard your poor dead papa and the Reverend Mr. What's-his-name, who used to rend prayers in that old church with the curious little steeple that the weatherrock was blown off the night week before you were born-I have often heard them say that the young men at college are uncommonly particular about their nightcaps, and that the Oxford nighteaps are quite celebrated for their strength and goodness; so much so, indeed, that the young men never dream of going to bed without them. and I believe that it is admitted on all hands, that they know what is good and don't coddle themselves."

The kind of nighteap they used at Oxford is still in vogue among men. Any woman who doesn't understand it can ask her husband. But the other sort, like the good, simple Mrs. Nickleby wore, have been entirely out of fashion until just now, when they are reported to be about to regain their former vogue.

The chief thing women are asking about nightcaps just now is whether they are becoming. A group of girls were discussing this question the other day when one of them declared her opposition to the new fad.

"Of course they are becoming," it was agreed, or else no woman would think of wearing them. One of those in the party told that she had heard a report that some one had recommended them because "they say it improves the hair to sleep with covered head."
The interested looks of the other

girls were intense until one of them declared vigorously:

"Whoever said that was either some old woman who leaves her hair on her dressing table at night and wears caps to conceal the fact from her pillow, or culture, or the like. Why, you all worst thing in the world is to smother your hair in a covering at night. A well-groomed head of hair one would have if it were twisted together tightly all day and at night bundled up in the close space of a linen or muslin eap! You can pose it upon your topknot with all the coquetry of a French millinery poem, but the fact remains that it is a superfluous and harmless addition to your toilet."

And then and there every one in the group resolved to do without nightcaps whether it be fashionable or not to wear them. But whether they will keep their vows or not depends upon whether the fashion becomes general. -Chicago Times-Herald.

Wit of the Gamin.

Mr. Handstrong, an eklerly citizen and parent of several good-sized children, took his family to one of the parks the other day for a little outing. "This makes me feel young again!" he said. "When I was a youngster," he continued, lighting a eigar and leanng comfortably against a tree to smoke, "I remember is used to be one of my specialties to stand on my head. I believe I could do it now." fully removing his watch, pocketbook and other valuable articles of a portable nature from his pockets and handing them to one of the interested spectators for safe keeping, Mr. Handstrong put his head on the ground, braced himself firmly with his hands, and after several spasmodia and ineffectual kicks succeeded in getting his feet and legs in an upright position. For 15 er 20 seconds he stood thus, with his head and hands on the grass and his feet in the air, and to show how easy it was he puffed vigorously at his cigar, which he still held in his mouth. "Hi, Jimmy!" yelled one of the bad boys of the neighborhood, who had been watching all these proceedings from a little distance with breathless interest. "Hi, Jimmy!" he repeated, beckoning to a dirty-faced comrade, "look at de old guy! He's on fire in de basement!"-Chicago Tribune.

Remarks on Adam and Eve.

The following remark of a Highland clergyman shows that the Celts in Seotland can ing claim to the faculty of bullmaking. In his sermon preached in a small church in Strathspey after inveighing against slothfulness, he said in closing: "Do you think Adam and Eve went about the Garden of Eden with their hands in their pockets?"-London Spectator.

PRANCE-ITALIAN TREATT.

Grants Mutually Parered S ment Except For Silk Goods.

Paris, Nov. 12.—It was quite unexpectedly announced last evening that a commercial treaty has been constitued. commercial treaty has been constuded between France and Italy, granting mutually favored treatment except for silk goods, which will remain subject to the maximum tax. A bill embedying the agreement will be submitted immediately to the chamber of depaties. The government also introduced a bill in the chamber yesterday modifying the wine duties favorably to Italy.

The negotiations that have cuimi nated in these arrangements have been on feet for two years, but nobody bepending. It is believed that the Fashode affair was instrumental in inducing France to grant the necessary concessions, though it is neteworthy that the silk duties, which caused the breaking of the treaty in 1887, remain almost unchanged.

The negotiations have been conducted with the utmost secrecy. The exact effect of the concessions involved is not known yet, but it is expected that they will have an important political influence for the removal of a leng standing friction between the two coun-

The treaty, it is noticed, was concluded during the absence of Emperor William from Germany, and there is much speculation regarding its probable results upon the European alliances.

THE NORTHWEST STORM.

In Many Places It Reaches the Pro portions of a Blizzard.

St. Paul, Nov. 22.-The first general snow storm of the winter has prevailed throughout the northwest during the past 36 hours, and it still continues without much abatement. The snow has been accompanied by a high wind reaching in many places the proportions of a genuine blizzard. The fall of snow has not been great, but the wind has drifted it badly and many places report considerable delay to railroad traffic. Specials from various points in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Iowa report the storm still prevailing and local business impeded. In the British northwest the temperature is 24 and 26 degrees below zero. In this city it has fallen to 10 below. The storm was especially severe on Lake Superior, Duluth reporting a 70 mile

An Omaha dispatch says: Nebraska is in the grip of a norther. For 36 hours a strong wind from the northwest has swept the state, and during the most of that time it has driven : fine snow ahead of it. Considerable loss of stock, both cattle and sheep, is feared, owing to the fact that many thousands of herds have been brought in from the south for feeding and have not yet had time to become sufficiently acclimated to withstand the stress of the storm. One death from exposure is reported. F. H. Thompson, of Des Moines, Ia., was found dead on the street in South Omaha about 7 o'clock

GENERAL GARCIA ARRIVES.

"American Occupancy of Cuba a Ne-

cessity, But Not Forever." New York, Nov. 22.-General Calixto Garcia and the other Cuban commissioners from the Cuban military as sembly at Santa Cruz del Sur, who are en route to Washington for the purpose of laying before President McKinley a resolution recently adopted by the of Cuba, arrived here yesterday on the Ward line steamer Seguranca.

General Garcia, when seen on the steamer, said he was delighted to be in New York again, and that he looked forward with pleasure to the commission's call on President McKinley. He continued:

"The Cubans have no other feelings for the Americans than those of friend-ship and gratitude. I am for free Cuba, and so are all other Cubans. There is no sentiment on the Island for annexation. The commission of which I am the head is not going to Washington with any propositions for the president's consideration. We are going to tell there of the country and to better the arrangements for the disbanding of the troops, collecting the customs duties and the establishment of a postoffice system. American occupany is a necessity-but not forever."

Fatal Fire in Cambridge, Mass. Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 22.-A fire which started in the pork packing establishment of John P. Squire & Co. at East Cambridge, yesterday, resulted in the death of one man and the serious injury to seven others, four of whom may die. The watchman of the factory, John Ward, is believed to be buried in the ruins. When the fire was at its height the front wall, which rose to a height of six and a half stories on a narrow street in which the firemen were at work, fell. Seven men were buried in the wreck, all of whom were more or less seriously injured, Louis Fairbairn dying soon afterwards. A little later four others fell with a floor to the cellar. Rescuers freed them as quickly as possible and sent them to the hospitals.

Deadly Explosion of Blasting Powder Portsmouth, O., Nov. 21.-By an accidental explosion of blasting powder yesterday George W. Ferguson, a quarryman, is dying, his daughters Cynthia and Ida, aged 11 and 6 years, are dead and his wife and two other daughters, one an infant, disfigured for life. Ferguson was hunting for wood to build a fire and found a powder can apparently full of coal. When he attempted to start a fire with this a loud explosion followed, which knocked one entire side of the house out. At the time Ferguson and his family were grouped about the stove. It transpired that the can was partially filled with blasting powder.

Ex-Queen Lil's Claim.

San Francisco, Nov. 22 .- On board the steamer Coptic, which arrived from the Orient via Honolulu yesterday, was ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii. The exqueen was very reticent regarding her mission to this country, but from passengers on the Coptic it was learned that she has come to make formal application for the restoration of the Hawailan crown lands, valued, it is said, at \$6,000,000. It is claimed the crown lands are private property, and are not subject to confiscation.

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