

HISTORIC MONUMENT.

First Memorial to George Washington, Located at Boonsboro, Md., in Ruins Again.

For the second time since its erection in 1827 the first monument ever raised to the memory of George Washington is in ruins. It was originally built by the united efforts of the people of Boonsboro, Md., on the top of South mountain, a lofty cliff, commanding a wide view of the surrounding country. On July 4, 1827, almost all the adult population of the village, headed by a band, marched up the steep path to the top of the moun-



BOONSBORO MONUMENT. (First Memorial Ever Raised in Honor of Washington.)

tain and there went to work. There were stonemasons and builders among them, and every man did his best to help. The foundation had been laid previously, but on that one day the entire superstructure of the monument was built. It was 54 feet in circumference at the base and 15 feet high, composed of a wall made up of large stones, the interior being filled with the same material. In the center a stairway led up to the top of the pile. Twelve feet from the base, on the side facing Boonsboro, a white marble tablet was inserted bearing a fitting inscription. Many soldiers who fought in the revolutionary war took part in the erection of the monument, and the oration was delivered by a clergyman who had served as chaplain in the continental armies. In 1872 nothing was left of the original monument but the foundation and a few crumbling fragments. At that time a movement was started to rebuild the monument, and in 1883 it was dedicated, having been raised to a height of 50 feet and surrounded by an iron framework and balcony. The site of the monument is so exposed, however, that even the restored structure has fallen a prey to the elements, so that now it is again in a condition of ruin. Historical investigation has shown that this was the first monument ever raised in honor of the Father of His Country, and a movement is again on foot to restore it to its original condition.

MAIL COLLECTION.

Indiana Man Invents an Arrangement Designed to Make It Easy and Expedient.

Patents relating to improvements in postal facilities are one of the most prolific classes. These relate to improvements in the mail boxes and mail pouches, proposed methods of picking up and delivering mail from flying air-mail trains, etc. Andrew L. Henry, of Ladoga, Ind., has hit upon a startlingly novel arrangement in this already overworked field, but, like many



A RECENT INVENTION. (Device to Make the Collection of Mail Matter Easy.)

such inventions, it is probably impractical. It is a system of receiving and delivering for use in towns in connection with horse and wagon collection, and is designed to enable the man to make his rounds, accompanied by attaching the mail boxes to their supports with a yielding fastening of some kind, such as a chain or weight. The box is shown in the illustration, attached to a post by means of chains, and is provided with counter weight, and a handle for convenient use. The postman, it is supposed, drives up, reaches out his hand, grasps the handle and lifts the mail box into the wagon, where its contents are removed. It is then lowered and gently lowered into its original position on the post.

Poisoning from Overcoats. Poisoning from overcoats is an unexpected danger, but no fewer than 60 cases have been reported. On being taken off, the cloth, in the dyeing of which a large quantity of arsenic was used, gave off poisonous vapors, producing painful swelling of hands and arms.

The Richest Gold Mine. It is estimated that greater quantities of gold and silver have been sunk to the bottom of the sea than are now in circulation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for March 4, 1900—Jesus Healing in Capernaum.

[Prepared by Hector C. Lenington] THE LESSON TEXT. (Mark 1:21, 22, 29-34.)

21. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day He entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22. And they were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. 23. And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 24. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell Him of her. 25. And He came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto Him. 26. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto Him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. 27. And all the city was gathered together at the door. 28. And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils: and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew Him. GOLDEN TEXT.—And He healed many that were sick.—Mark 1:34.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The people of Nazareth not only rejected the teaching of Jesus, but His person. They "rose up, and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill where their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong." But Jesus escaped. How, we do not know; we are simply told that passing through their midst He went His way. From this time forward (Matt. 4:13-17; Luke 4:31) Jesus made His home in Capernaum. Jesus did not lose by this enforced change of situation, as Capernaum was an excellent center for His ministry. Through this town ran several leading highways of travel and commerce; and, too, the Lake of Galilee gave Him access to a large territory.

Calling of Four Disciples (Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11).—The four disciples called at this time (April and May, A. D. 28) were Peter, Andrew, James and John. Jesus was walking by the lake and saw the boats of these men who were fishermen. Stepping into Peter's boat He requested him to push out a little from the shore, and there He preached to the people who gathered. After this He told Peter to go out to the deeper water and there cast his net. These men had been fishing all night without success, but did as bidden. The miraculous draught of fishes so impressed Peter that he fell down at Jesus' feet. Jesus said: "Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men. Peter, Andrew, James and John had been called before to be disciples, but from this time on they were almost continually with Jesus.

Teaching and Healing (Mark 1:21-34).—This passage is the record of a busy Sabbath. He began the day in the synagogue teaching, and we are told one thing about this teaching. "He taught as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." How else could one teach upon whom was the Spirit of the Lord? The addresses of the rabbis were full of quotations from the traditions and writings of the elders. Jesus spoke the simple truth in a simple way, and the authority was furnished by the consciences of the hearers and the works of mercy He performed.

One of these works of mercy which buttressed the truth of Jesus' teaching was the healing of a man with an unclean spirit. This occurred before the synagogue service was over, or at least before the people had departed to their homes. This being possessed by a demon, according to Peloubet, "was usually connected with disease, especially with indulgence in sensual lusts." An attack came on while in the synagogue, but at the word of Jesus the demon left the man, though not without a struggle.

After the synagogue service Jesus goes to the house of Peter where Peter's mother-in-law lies ill with a fever. Luke says it was a "great fever," of a malignant type. We may notice in passing that Peter had a wife and household. Jesus raised this mother-in-law from her bed, the second miracle He performed that day. At evening there were brought to Him others to be cured. It is interesting to note that while there were none so strict as to object that Jesus healed on the Sabbath, yet the people waited till after sunset. The Jewish Sabbath was from sunset to sunset. So it was not upon the sacred day that Jesus performed these further miracles.

The character of these miracles followed that of the two performed during the day, healing diseases and casting out devils.

AFTERTHOUGHTS.

It is a significant fact brought out in the thirty-fourth verse that the devils were not suffered to speak, "because they knew Him." Whether the demons were supernatural or mere physical distempers, it remains that the wrong that is in us and possesses us knows the voice of God and resists Him, though in the end it has to obey. Truth opposed to error always means a struggle. The miracles of Jesus reveal the character of God, loving, helpful and merciful.

Figs and Thistles.

A trust is no honor until the trustee honors it. Forgiveness of sin is the first step; full freedom from it, the final one. God will not build the temple of a lovely character on the foundation of unforgiven sins.

The man who cannot put the steam on the brakes as well as on the drivers will have trouble.

Frequently the people who are most careful of the gift on their Bibles care least about the gold within them.—Bain's Horn.

ENGLISHMAN AND BOER.

A first-class army band earns £200 a week.

The British navy has control of 62 docks for its ships.

The engines of a first-class man-of-war cost £140,000.

A highland officer's uniform costs from \$150 to \$200, including full dress, undress and mess uniforms.

Many officers in South Africa took their bicycles with them, the war office using all care to facilitate safe carriage.

It is said that Sir Redvers Buller is the wealthiest general (among commoners) in the service and Sir Alexander Buller the wealthiest admiral.

According to the Engineer, the horses of the Scots Greys, now at the seat of war, have been dyed khaki color in order to render them invisible to the enemy.

A great difficulty to the British cavalry on the veldt are the holes of the ant bears, hidden by coarse grass, which only a trained colonial pony instinctively avoids.

A loer field cornet is usually the magistrate of the neighboring country wherein he resides, and is invested with the power to commandeer all able-bodied men on such an occasion as the present war.

Gen. Roberts, commander in chief in South Africa, has the following name with appendages: Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, P. C., K. P., G. C. B., G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., V. C., D. C. L., L. D.

Lieut. Meiklejohn, of the Gordon highlanders, is the most battle-scarred of South African heroes. At Elands-lagte four bullets passed through his right arm, one through his left thigh, two through his helmet and one grazed his neck. One of his fingers was blown away and his scabbard shot to pieces.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

Work on the Paris exposition has unearthed millions of rats, and the laborers are sometimes obliged to stop and do battle with the pests.

An international congress of mining and metallurgy will be held in Paris the middle of next June and a large attendance is expected.

Busts of Benjamin Franklin, Horace Greeley, George W. Childs, Charles A. Dana and Joseph Medill will adorn the Publishers' building of the United States at the Paris exposition.

The new Paris exposition stamp bears a representation of the republic in the form of a woman holding in her hand a tablet on which is written: "The Rights of Man." It will be used for stamps of 10, 15, 20 and 25 centimes.

An American corn kitchen will be maintained at the Paris exposition at a cost to the United States of \$10,000. The money will be well invested, for outside of America the merits of maize are still but little understood. Last year this country exported \$144,000,000 worth of flour and only \$2,000,000 worth of corn meal.

One of the most interesting exhibits which will be sent from the United States to Paris will be a huge map of New York city, which is now in process of construction under the chief topographical engineer of the board of public improvements. It measures 8824 feet and is on a scale of 600 feet to the inch, and includes all the boroughs of the great city and considerable of the adjoining territory.

Mutually Careful.

"Bobby, you mustn't play with that little Dicky Jones; he isn't a good boy."

"All right, ma! I can't play with him, anyway; that's what his mother told him about me."—Puck.

They Still Happen.

"Pa, do any miracles ever happen any more?"

"Yes. One happened to me last night. I told your ma why I was late getting home and she believed me."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Mistake.

Gladys—I thought you said he was rich? Mildred—Oh, no! I merely said he had more money than brains.—Chicago Times-Herald.

What Did She Mean?

Slowboy—I am going to kiss you to-night when I go. Miss Willing—Don't you think it's time you were going?—Chicago Daily News.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The first police matron in Texas has been appointed at San Antonio.

In Montana women who pay taxes vote on all questions submitted to taxpayers.

Miss Elizabeth Carnes, teacher of physical culture in the public schools of Detroit, has begun a crusade against garments worn by women which injure the health.

A series of measurements made at Wellesley by a Yale scientist shows that western young women have larger heads and greater lung capacity than their eastern sisters.

The sewing women of Berlin get only 30 cents a dozen for making fine shirts.

At a recent reception in New York Mrs. Henry Havemeyer had for decorations for one room 200 dozen roses which were bought at \$50 a dozen.

Osborn Sakurai, director of the Meiji girls' seminary, at Tokio, who is in America studying our women's schools, says it is only a question of time when the Japanese women will be as progressive as those in this country.

Miss Clara Bett Martin's recent success in winning two important cases, opposed by the ablest lawyers in Canada, is a rebuke for the lawyers who held out against her admission to the bar until the women, headed by Lady Aberdeen, forced them to yield.

WHAT THE MEN THINK.

That the only independent woman in the world is the one not afraid of her cook.

That whenever a hat looks as though it had been struck by a cyclone the milliner calls it picturesque.

That the saying that habits grow on us seems verified by the appearance of the up-to-date equestrienne's costume.

That a woman can forgive a man almost anything if he asks for the second piece of the first pie she ever made.

That a new mode in woman's garments suggests a recently popular work of fiction entitled "Looking Backward."

That a woman doesn't want to be called new, and she absolutely waxes indignant at being called old; in fact, she is hard to please anyway.—Boston Journal.

A Typical Australian Tribe.

Prof. Hadden read a paper on the customs and characteristics of a fairly typical tribe of Australia, the Yarikanna, of Cape York, North Queensland. Among the peculiar customs noted was that children must take the "land" or "country" of their mother, that a wife must be taken from another country, and that all who belong to the same place are regarded as brothers and sisters. Six Yarikanna men were measured, with average height five feet four inches. A lad was initiated by the men of the clan into which he must subsequently marry. He was anointed with "bush medicine" in the groin, chest and temples to make him grow.

Drying Linen in Balloons.

A Paris laundry has started a novelty in the drying and purifying of linen, and has succeeded in convincing most of its customers that the notion is a good one. The air about 100 feet above the house tops is particularly good for linen, say the proprietors, and they accordingly send for shirts and collars for a balloon trip. Bamboo frames are attached to a captive balloon, and the linen, "rough dry," is fixed to the frames and sails away in the air. The balloon makes six ascents daily, and an extra charge is made for each article that undergoes the treatment.

Largest Army Ever Used.

The total force sent out to South Africa is the largest number of British troops ever put into the field at one time. At Waterloo Wellington was in command of 67,000 soldiers, while in the Crimean war only 25,000 were engaged in any single battle.

Didn't Laugh with the Rest.

Jones—What were the boys all laughing so heartily over? Brown—Smith got off one of his jokes.

Jones—Why didn't you laugh with the rest?

Brown—It was on me.—Ohio State Journal.

Anticipated.

"You ought to take time by the forelock," urged his friend. "I try to do it," replied the man who was down on his luck, "but I generally find that somebody else has got hold of it."—Brooklyn Life.

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