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London is much healthier in summer than in winter. In the third week of January 2,021 deaths were notified, while in the third week of June the number was only 1,193.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Shells as they are known in the present day were not used in the navy until the latter part of the eighteenth century.

The ink plant of New Granada is a curiosity. The juice of it can be used as ink without any preparation. At first the writing is red, but after a few hours it changes to black.

The cries of sea birds, especially sea gulls, are very valuable to sailors in misty weather. The birds cluster on the cliffs and coast and their cries warn boatmen that they are near the land.

Early man used to be able to wag his ears as an indication of pleasure or to brush away flies from under his back hair, but as the muscles were not brought into continual use they became rudimentary.

The Belgian government offers a prize of \$10,000 for the invention of a match paste containing no phosphorus and not otherwise dangerous to health in its manufacture. Of course, other points are required, but the object of the offer is to find a way to do away with a dangerous employment.

Among proposed applications of power at long distances from its source is the lighting of the interior passage and chambers of the great pyramids by electric currents generated at the cataract of Assouan, several hundred miles away. The same power is intended to operate pumping stations and cotton mills along the Nile.

NO WOMAN IS EXEMPT.

Regularity is a matter of importance in every woman's life. Much pain is, however, endured in the belief that it is necessary and not alarming, when in truth it is all wrong and indicates derangement that may cause serious trouble.

Excessive monthly pain itself will unsettle the nerves and make women old before their time.

The foundation of woman's health is a perfectly normal and regular performance of nature's function. The statement we print from Miss GRUDE SIKES, of Eldred, Pa., is echoed in every city, town and hamlet in this country. Read what she says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel like a new person since following your advice, and think it is my duty to let the public know the good your remedies have done me. My troubles were painful menstruation and leucorrhoea. I was nervous and had spells of being confused. Before using your remedies I never had any faith in patent medicines. I now wish to say that I never had anything do me so much good for painful menstruation as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; also would say that your Sanative Wash has cured me of leucorrhoea. I hope these few words may help suffering women."

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All suffering women are invited to write freely to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice about their health.

CONSTIPATION

"I have gone 14 days at a time without a movement of the bowels, not being able to move them except by using hot water injections. Chronic constipation for seven years placed me in this terrible condition; during that time I did everything I could but never found any relief, such was my case until I began using CASCARETS. I now have from one to three passages a day, and I was richly rewarded for each movement; it is such a relief."
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BACKBONE OF THE ARMY

DUTIES AND POSITION OF THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

His Best Chance Is to Shoot His Way Into the Corridors of Oblivion—Glory Seldom Comes to the "Non-Com."
The Go-Between for Officers and Men.

The backbone of the army is the non-commissioned man.—Rudyard Kipling.
Lowest down is the lance corporal; highest up are the regimental quartermaster sergeants, sergeant majors, ordnance sergeants, and most picturesque is the first sergeant. The "backbone" referred to by Mr. Kipling consists of the company "non-coms," beginning with the corporal and ending in the first sergeant. They are the unglorified sinews of war, the brawn and muscle; the officer is the much heralded brainy director.

The recruit to the army no sooner swears that he "will obey the commands of all officers placed above him" than he falls into the hands of a corporal. This soldier, with the two clean white chevrons on his sleeves, looks him over, guides him to a bathing place, and begins to lick him into shape. He begins by teaching him how to stand, how to turn around, where to keep his eyes, and all the small details of the soldier's business. He impresses on him the necessity of quick doing, and cautions that the officers are there to think. Then the recruit is shuffled on to a sergeant, who places him in a set of fours and teaches him how to find his place, and what to do when he finds it. He finally falls into the hands of the first sergeant in company drill. He may get an occasional sight of his captain, but he learns to know and emulate his sergeant.

The "non-com." is the teacher. His unlimited ability to work and his undying patience straighten up round shoulders, live up the shuffling steps and make a sturdy soldier of the raw recruit. He works always and forever, and executes the orders of his superiors quickly and accurately. He serves as a model to be copied after by the private—he is the backbone of the army.

Glory seldom comes to the "non-com." A long time ago a certain sergeant Jasper won a permanent place in history, and more recently Sergeant Hamilton Fish died bravely at the front. The "non-com." works unnoticed, like the line player in the football team, because he doesn't run with the ball, but he is the backbone that holds the ribs together. When the battle is hot and sweat mingles with blood on the sodden field, when bullets whizz and shells stream, when comrades sink to the ground and turn on their faces, the officer lifts his sword on high and steps forward into glory. The "non-com." speaks the quiet "Steady, boys!" and walks into the jaws of death shooting his way into the corridors of oblivion. The captain knows he will be famous if he survives—famous if he dies. The sergeant or the corporal knows his wife and children will weep over their loss, his comrades that survive him will bury him in a soldier's grave wrapped in his blanket. He is too unnumbered for the historian to mention; he was simply doing his duty. Yet if the victory is won it is because he is in his place and doing his same duty.

Under the new tactics in use by the United States army, companies no longer fight with men shoulder to shoulder under the direct command of the captain. Much stress is laid on the skirmish drill, in which sets of fours under corporals and squads under sergeants fight in open order, firing at will after the captain has ordered "commence firing." The corporal is responsible for his set of fours and the sergeant for his squad. The first sergeant is in a manner responsible for the entire company and is ready to assume command when his officers are shot down. The new arrangement gives opportunity to the "non-com." to show himself. It remains to be seen whether or not he will break into fame.

It is not in battle, however, that the non-commissioned officer earns the title of "backbone," for in the fight the sweating private is a necessary person. In the camp the white-chevrons soldier makes his presence known and felt. The first sergeant, gruff, stern, severe, kind, man of all work and all intelligence, father of his company and mother, too, in camp, is in charge of his men. He looks after the company quarters, tents, bedding, clothing, knows all about the kitchen and sees to the equipments. He calls the roll, details the guard, knows the ability and willingness of every soldier of his command and is the disciplinarian and mouthpiece of his company. He is the go-between for privates and officers, adjusts quarrels and disseminates advice. The company books, though not intricate, are tedious, and are kept by him, and he reports the dead to his captain. He seems to be in every place at the same time. He is the model soldier.

The literature of the present war is yet unwritten. Glorious victories have been won and admirals and generals have been launched into everlasting fame. It is to be hoped, when the war corresponds get back to the quiet of their desks, they will not have been blinded by the glare of uplifted swords and glittering shoulder straps to the bravery and courage of the "non-commissioned man." There is room in history for the "backbone of the army."

Age of Jurors in South Carolina.
The constitution of South Carolina provides that jurors must be between the ages of 21 and 65, and a new trial was recently granted in a criminal case because one of the jurors was 66 years old.

THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.

Grain, Flour and Feed	
WHEAT—No. 1 red.....	\$ 62@ 61
No. 2 red.....	60 61
CORN—No. 2 yellow, ear.....	39 40
No. 2 yellow, shelled.....	38 36
Mixed ear.....	36 37
OATS—No. 2 white.....	26 27
No. 3 white.....	25 26
RYE—No. 1.....	42 43
FLOUR—No. 1.....	4 25 4 30
Fancy straight winter.....	3 73 3 83
Rye flour.....	3 00 3 25
HAY—No. 1 timothy.....	8 75 9 00
Clover, No. 1.....	7 75 8 20
FEED—No. 1 mixed, ton.....	16 00 16 00
Brown middlings.....	12 50 13 00
Bran, bulk.....	10 75 11 00
STRAW—Wheat.....	5 50 6 00
Oats.....	5 50 6 00
SEEDS—Clover, 60 lbs.....	2 50 3 00
Timothy, prime.....	1 20 1 40

Dairy Products.	
BUTTER—Elgin creamery.....	\$ 22@ 23
Ohio creamery.....	19 20
Fancy country roll.....	15 16
CHEESE—Ohio, new.....	8 9
New York, new.....	8 9

Fruits and Vegetables.	
BEANS—Green, bush.....	\$ 50@ 75
POTATOES—White, 3 bu.....	1 63 1 75
CABBAGE—Per bu.....	75 1 00
ONIONS—Choice yellow, 3 bu.....	40 50
Poultry, Etc.	
CHICKENS—Per pair, small.....	\$ 60@ 65
TURKEYS—Per lb.....	14 15
EGGS—Pa. and Ohio, fresh.....	14 15

CINCINNATI.	
FLOUR.....	\$ 10@ 3 33
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	67
CORN—No. 2.....	46
OATS.....	30 31
EGGS.....	22 23
BUTTER—Ohio creamery.....	13

PHILADELPHIA.	
FLOUR.....	\$ 6@ 3 83
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	69 70
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	34 35
OATS—No. 2 white.....	28 29
BUTTER—Creamery, extra.....	20
EGGS—Pennsylvania firsts.....	16

NEW YORK.	
FLOUR—Patents.....	\$ 4 00@ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	73
CORN—No. 2.....	35 36
OATS—White Western.....	24 25
BUTTER—Creamery.....	14 15
EGGS—State of Penn.....	16

LIVE STOCK.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.	
CATTLE.	
Prime, 1300 to 1400 lbs.....	\$ 5 10@ 5 15
Good, 1200 to 1300 lbs.....	4 90 5 00
Fair, 1000 to 1150 lbs.....	4 60 4 75
Fair light steers, 900 to 1000 lbs.....	4 25 4 70
Common, 700 to 900 lbs.....	3 50 3 90
HOGS.	
Medium.....	4 12 4 15
Heavy.....	4 10 4 12
Bought and stags.....	3 40 3 65
SHEEP.	
Prime, 95 to 105 lbs.....	4 65 4 75
Good, 85 to 95 lbs.....	4 50 4 60
Fair, 70 to 85 lbs.....	3 85 4 00
Common.....	3 25 3 80
Veal Calves.....	6 00 7 50

TRADE REVIEW.

An Advance in Wheat and Heavy Demands on the Iron Manufacturers.
R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports as follows for last week: Business is passing well through the difficulties that attend the winding up of a war, which are generally greater than those involved in wars in progress. The rush of orders kept back while war lasted by those who thought it shrewd not to take any chances has lifted prices a little and caused a larger demand for the time than can continue, but though it has passed, there is ample evidence that the consuming demand is very large. How large can only be judged after some weeks of waiting. But once more it looks as if those who wait longest are likely to pay most.

Wheat has come forward much more freely, and the price has advanced 2c. It is supposed that the advance is largely due to milling demand coming upon a more liberal export trade. A large, 2,007,576 bushels, flour included, from Atlantic and 201,052 bushels from Pacific ports, and for two weeks 5,697,120 bushels from both coasts against 10,285,870 bushels last week. Receipts of wheat for two weeks of September have been 14,662,895 bushels against 14,697,106 bushels last year. The foreign demand will be smaller and the American crops larger than last year. The slight yielding in corn was due rather to the government report, which is not entirely discredited as to that crop, than to any change in movement, which has been compared with last year. The exports for two weeks have been 4,351,331 bushels, against 7,075,362 bushels last year.

With the starting of nineteen furnaces in the month ago, partly not included as yet, the weekly output September was 213,043 tons, against 206,775 Aug. 1, and the decrease in stocks, 116,929 tons in two months, indicates a consumption but little below a million tons per month. Structural work is the heaviest ever known at Pittsburgh, though smaller than last year at New York. Bar mills are crowded with the general railway demand for automatic couplers and orders for new cars, 800 for one road, and a large order for street cars to Japan, and plate mills are everywhere crowded.

The demand for pipe is the largest for a long time, and also for boiler tubes, and the sheet mills are crowded west of Philadelphia, while the foundry consumption is heavy and the rail mills not yet ready to accept orders which they cannot deliver for months, being engaged far ahead. Southern pig has been sold for export, 30,000 tons in all, including 15,000 tons to Scotland, and orders for 15,000 tons more have been refused. Tin is quiet at 15.05c and lead at 4c, with copper strong at 12 1/2c and spelter at 4.80c, in spite of a sensational rise at London. Heavy sales ahead have blocked the project for a tin plate trust at present.

Important cotton mills have stopped, and print cloths hold 2.06c, with other cotton goods unyielding, but cheap material hinders operations for those who have to sell goods made from higher-priced cotton. Woolen mills represent rather better orders, although much machinery is idle, those who have not old wool bidding much below the current prices, which are so far maintaining that sales for two weeks have been only \$33,000 pounds, against 36,629,400 pounds last year, and 1,015,100 pounds in the same weeks of 1892. It is worthy of notice that 350,000 pounds Australian wool was sold at Boston for shipment to Europe.

ENRAGED SPANIARDS.
When They Saw the Needy Soldiers They Proceeded to Mob Gen. Toral.
A crowd of about 700 people besieged the house of Gen. Toral one day last week, at Vigo, Spain, demanding that the troops which arrived from Santiago de Cuba on board the Spanish steamer Leon XIII. be immediately landed.

A POST-MORTEM VIEW.

Castilian Expert Writes of United States Warships as Mere Tubes.

It seems almost incredible that the Spaniards should ever have considered Cervera's fleet superior to anything we could send against it, yet such seems to be the case. If they believed the comparisons of the two navies made by their newspapers they are logically correct in their conclusion.

These articles, says the Chicago Chronicle, written by Spanish naval experts, appeal strongly to a credulous people and represent our warships as absolutely valueless, while their own are simply marvels. A. de Canta, the most popular naval writer in Spain, makes a remarkable comparison in La Ilustracion Nacional of Madrid that is quite sufficient to inspire his countrymen with confidence.

He admits that the United States has the larger fleet, but shows that it is practically valueless. "It is manned by the dregs of an almost worthless population—criminals and released convicts. For the most part these are foreigners without the slightest patriotism. The crews, being animated by motives of supidity alone, are destitute of that pride and enthusiasm that control Spaniards." For these reasons, Mr. Canta concludes: "The result is, therefore, that if our navy is inferior to the American navy in quantity it is greatly superior in quality, since our sailors, in addition to their transcendent bravery, which is universally acknowledged, possess discipline, enthusiasm and confidence, which the Yankees are far from having."

Having demonstrated the utter worthless character of the sailors who man our ships, the rival of Weyer and Munchausen in the art of lying goes on to compare the ships of the two navies, describing that of Spain as made up of ships faultless in construction, armored and armed to suit the queen regent's taste, marvels of speed, veritable things of beauty.

Words almost fall him when he makes a sanguinary attack upon our ships. He declares that the battle-ships Indiana, Oregon and Massachusetts, which he calls "cruisers of the first class," cannot go to sea with anything like full coal bunkers. If they should the "waves would wash over them." They are only suitable for coast guards. The recent sailing record of the Oregon somewhat discredits this criticism.

He says the battleships California and Pennsylvania are under construction, which will be news to Americans. He declares the Texas to be woefully deficient. "Her machinery is bad—beyond repairing—her torpedo tubes are useless. She is a bad lot."

The only American ship of which he speaks kindly is the Brooklyn. He says she is fast and "can, therefore, refuse to fight at all," a point which the Spaniards in the Caribbean appear to appreciate.

A Child of Promise.
"Isabel Ouida Upton" is the fanciful name of a little girl. Her initials being I. O. U., it is presumable that she is "a child of promise."—Tit-Bits.

The Rush for Gold.
From the Times, Buffalo, Ill.

The rush of gold seekers to the Klondike brings thrilling memories to the "forty-niners" still alive of the time when they girdled the continent, or faced the terrors of the great American desert on the journey to the land of gold. These pioneers tell some experiences which should be hoarded by gold seekers of to-day. Constant exposure and faulty diet killed large numbers, while nearly all the survivors were afflicted with disease, many of them with rheumatism. Such a sufferer was Adam Vangundy, who resides at Buffalo, Ill., where he had been justice of the peace and was the first mayor of the town.

"I had been a sufferer of rheumatism for a number of years and the pain at times was very intense. I tried all the proprietary medicines I could think or hear of, but received no relief."
"I finally placed my case with several physicians and doctored with them for some time, but they failed to do me any good. Finally, with my hopes of relief nearly exhausted I read an article regarding Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which induced me to try them. I was anxious to get rid of the terrible disease and bought two boxes of the pills. I began using them about March, 1897. After I had taken two boxes I was completely cured, and the pain has never returned. I think it is the best medicine I have ever taken, and am willing at any time to sign my name to any testimony setting forth its good merits."

(Signed) ADAM VANGUNDY.
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Sir T. J. Lipton's little fetter to capture the America's Cup is to cost him between £50,000 and £50,000.



Most people appreciate a good thing at a fair price, but some few will only have the things that cost the most money.

The Ivory is the favorite soap of most people. Some few want the high-priced toilet soaps and think they must be better because they cost more. No soap is more carefully made, or is made of better materials, than Ivory Soap.

A WORD OF WARNING.—There are many white soaps, each represented to be "just as good as the Ivory," they ARE NOT, but like all counterfeits, lack the peculiar and remarkable qualities of the genuine. Ask for "Ivory" Soap and insist upon getting it.

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Remember the Gloucester.

"Sir," said the second officer of the great Spanish battleship, "a hostile ship is visible on the horizon." "Can you make her out?" "She is an American, sir." "Ah, a battleship! Clear ship for action! We will give her a stiff fight." "Sir, it is not a battleship. It is an auxiliary cruiser, one of those Yankee pleasure yachts hastily transformed into a war vessel." The commander's face blanched as he replied: "Then there is no help for us, Run the ship on shore, beach her, and blow her up."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Freak of Nature.

The county of Herefordshire, England, possesses a remarkable freak of nature—two trees have joined together about ten feet from the ground by what appears to be a single branch. A closer examination shows, however, that the connection has been formed by branches growing from both trees; in the course of time, grown together (it is probable that these twin trees are unique in England; at any rate, from the manner in which the curiosity has been grown they must be very rare.

The Risk of Being Murdered.

About 1,000 murders occurred in England and Wales during the last period of five years for which facts are available. There were, during the same time, nearly 160,000,000 persons of all ages exposed to the risk of being murdered, that is 30,000,000 in any one year. The yearly risk of being murdered is, therefore, only the very small degree of probability expressed by the odds of one to 150,000, and if a lifetime be counted as 100 years, the chance of being murdered some time is only one in 1,500.

Didn't Pan Out.

She—Well, how did your shares in the Donae gold mine turn out? He—Oh, I—er—I've lost all interest in them.—Punch.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. 25c.

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