subject.

Two hundred thousand men would have

lost their lives uselessly, had we at-

tempted to take this place by assunit,

unless by poor management on the part

of the defenders. They have every ad-

vantage of position, both natural and

artificial, for an easy defense against

the strongest army. An English Gen-

eral, noted as an authority on military

defenses, said: "Give me an army of

seventy-five thousand well equipped,

well drilled soldiers and Lean hold. His

vana against the world's armies."

S'pos you think that plenty on that

Climate now is fine. Has rained twice

since we have been here, and a "dagon"

wet rain they have here, too. Comes

down double time and keeps it up, too.

Fruit plenty of oranges, banasas, pine-

apples and mangrove- growing all

though; bananas not very good; pine-

apples very nice and Inscious. I are

very fond of nineapples; am enting spar

ingly of all feets, though, but they tell

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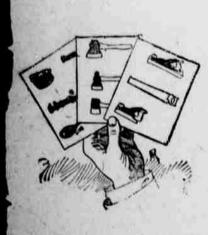
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LETTER FROM CAPT. R. B. BEER.

Writes Home of Arrival at Havana and His Pirst Impressions of Cuba. CAMP COLUMBIA, CUBA, Jan. 7, 39.

MRS. R. D. BEER,

Reynoldsville, Pa., U. S. A. DEAR FOLKS: - Drop you a letter this evening. As I wrote you on board the teansport last Tuesday, we arrived at Havana Tuesday morning, but did not disembark until Wednesday morning. Left boat about 9.00 A. M. and marched through Havana and about five or six miles beyond city limits to our present camp, a beautiful and apparently very healthy place, situated on a bloff or bill within two miles of the ocean. The ocean is in pinin view here, and there seems to be a constant breeze blowing o'er our camp from the sea, generally very cool and pleasant. Weather here now is not exceedingly hot; sun gets very warm during middle of the day, but along about 4.00 o'clock it is pleas-

So far I like this climate, and from

pockets, even if we do call them friends.

We have heard so much about the fair

seiporettas. They are in the decided

minority. The greater number of the

women are far from fair. Our story

books as children, describing bags and

witches, I think were written by men

who undoubtedly saw a good many such

as we have here. I will not deny but

that there are a few very fair women

here, but they use even more paints and

powders than our American ladies, in

their efforts to make a sickly yellow

complexion look fair. They, as a rule,

have pretty black eyes, and when their

eyes naturally make their faces appear

fair, which otherwise would be decidedly

see seem marked with disease and de-

them. When we first passed through

out the guard for us, it struck me that

quer the insurgerts. If this guard was

anyways at all a fair representation of

the Cuban army, and it undoubtedly

as far as appearances go, and what I

have seen of them around our camp has

not improved my opinion of them in the

least. Talking of slow movements of

laborers, the Irish section hand and the

messenger boy at home have to stand

their lack of accelerated motion, but

they are like lightning when compared

with these fellows. However, I guess a

slow movement is a part of these south-

ern countries that it is hard for a

northerr person to get used to. Since we

have sailed into the harbor of Havana,

by old Moro Castle and the forts that

surround this old city, I have thanked

Heaven that we came in here without

cannot conceive how impregnable this

place is until they have gone over the

ground surrounding this city. Block

houses, forts, breastworks, rifle pits,

thorn and cactus hedges eight and ten

feet through (nature itself aiding in

fortifying) literally covering overy inch

of the ground; concealed rifle pits blast-

50,000 men, properly rationed and fur-

McKinley realized what a strong posi-

tion the Spanish held here or not I have

no idea, but I am sure that could some

of the people who were howling "On to

Havana!" have dropped in here and

seen the situation, their anxiety to get

It may be a natural look to

what little we have seen of the people us cipe fruits will do no harm, and I do they do not seem like a bad lot, nor a not think they will, either. very suffering people. Have seen some These people down here like the nice looking Cubans and Spaniards and American money Spanish money is only worth about 50 per cent, of face in a great many cases it's extremely hard to tell the Cubans and Negroes value. They will "soak" you in change with Spanish every time if you don't apart, they are so very black, but as a rule you can pick them out. There are watch them. Before a month is up a lot of Cuban soldiers here policeing Spanish money wont be worth mything. our camps for us and their officers, as a There are some new Cuban bills out. I rule, are rather an intelligent, well-fed haven't seen any, nor do I want any, looking crowd, but the men are, on the only as curios, for they are most whole, a scrawny, bummy looking lot of worthless. We were trying to rent a individuals, very poor physiques and building close by here for our officers' very poor faces. Some of the people we mess a few days ago. The owner sent met on the streets, probably a third of word that we could have it for "\$17.00" them, would compare with the average a month, in gold." Nordless to say, we American of the southern part of the didn't take it. Anyone that didn't have United States favorably, but a large confidence enough in Uncle Sam's percentage of what would be called the money to want any kind of it we considcommon people are individuals we ered entirely too ignorant to deal with would not care to associate with at all, and dropped him, putting our mess unand as to being out with there on a dark der a tent. night, I think most of us would be inclined to keep our hands on our pistol

This is hard work writing by a candle, so I'll quit. I am well and like it as far as we have gone. Haven't seen much yet. We dare not leave camp. scarcely, to visit any place beyond a mile distant. That, of course, is to keep us out of fever districts. The whole regiment is in the best of health and spirits. Have lots to write about and will write in day time next time. Ronr.

Extraordinary Tour to California via Penn-

America is a great country. In variety and grandeur of natural scenery it is unrivated. To traverse it, to be hold its diversities and its wonders is a liberal education, a revelation to the immured metropolitan citizen. The Personally-Conducted Tour to California under the direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which leaves on February 9, affords a most excellent opportunity to view the vast variet boundless beauty of this marvelous land. Havana and I compared the natives The party will travel over the entire route in the model Pullman train of smoking, dining, sleeping and observation cars exhibited at the World's Fair. Chicago, and subsequently at Atlanta, Nashville and Omaha. This train will be placed in service for the first time on this occasion, and will be in charge of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon who will look after all details of the trip as well as the individual welfare of members of the party. Stops will be made at Mammoth Cave, New Orleans during the was, they certainly are a miserable lot Mardi Gras Carnival, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Deigo, Redlands, Riverside, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Montery, Del Monte, Santa Cruz, Mount Hamilton, Menlo Park, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Manitou and Garden of the the brunt of all the jokes on account of Gods, Denver and Chicago. Nineteen days will be spent in California. Roundtrip rate, including all necessary expenses during entire trip. \$400 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg: \$395 from Pittsburg. For itanerary and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant having to take the city by force. One General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station: Philadelphia.

An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale ed out of the rocks. It looks to me that here and is performing some wonderful cuves of throat and lung diseases. No nished with a good lot of ammunition matter what other medicines have and arms, could hold this place against failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large the world. I never conceived how well a city could be fortified and guarded sizes 25c. and 50c. Sold by H. Alex. Stoke. until we dropped in here. Whether

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Paradise.

With Lee Shorsley was making copy has work one day, a sharp chip struck him in the eye and his eye has been very painful ever since

Days Thompson of Secrets Hill, visited Nonh Syphrit's family mat Sunday. Boy. Bullers, of Brookville, prenched the Syphrit church by Rev. A. G. Malls last Sabbath

The Misses Harriet Norris and Mary Wells visited in Paradise several days

Mr. and Mrs. Lowis Ludwick are both sonfin d to there better with the dread disease, grip.

Jim Sheesley visited his mele, Adam Norris, last Sunday.

W. C. Murray, of Bresskeille, visited his mether-in-law at this place host around us here. Oranges are fair, not Thursday and Friday. nearly so good as California oranges,

C. E. Steense lant Breckville this week uttending court as a incor-

There will be communion at the Luthcan el wech next Souday morning at 10.20 o'eloek.

Ambrese Strouse was on the sick list

Miss Ninz Keller, of Big Hun, visited at the home of her consin. C. E. Keller,

Rathmel.

J. B. Seless condidate for nomination for sheriff of Jefferson county on the Republican ticket, was in town last

Mr. Coehean, of Big Run, District President of the P. O. S. of A., installed the offic is of Camp 602 last Wednes-

The six-year-old daughter of John Hilliard, of Rathmel, who died from diphtheria, was buried in the Prospect cemetery Monday afternoon.

The Jefferson Supply Co. store was closed last Saturday to transfer their goods to the new building, where they are now ready for business

Postmuster Woodward of Reynolds ville, was in town Saturday with Gil Reitz, of Stanton, candidate for Republican nomination for county treasurer.

There is a report of the "woman in black" being men on our streets at night. Parties claim they have met her, but, if the teath were known, we believe that it would be a woman looking for her husband, who left sometime ago with a girl for pacts unknown, leaving a wife and children. Where are our officers, that something is not done in such a case as this?

Winslow Township.

The Republicans and Democrats of Winslow township, at their suggestion meetings, have placed the following names on the tickets for nomination at the primaries to be held Saturday:

REPUBLICAN. School directors-J. L. Long, Thomas Hutchison, W. T. Cathers, Benjamir

Kline, F. G. Corbett. Supervisor-L. P. McCleary, Wm.

Wiley, Samuel Fye, V. R. Holeman. Poor overseer-Angus Cameron, G. W. Mohney, Wm. Lyle, sr., J. T. Coax, Abraham Fye.

Constable-John H. Nutl, Benjamin Haugh.

Auditor-W. T. Cathers, John Hillis, Joseph Hutchison. Register, west-Noah Syphrit, W. K. Garvin.

Register, east-David Thomas. Judge of election, west-A. T. Mc-

Clure, S. M. Gourley. Inspector, west-Perry Beck, Albert Strauss, Levi Bebee,

Judge of election, east-Jacob Shaffer. Inspector, east—C. T. Dean.

DEMOCRATS. Constable-Mike Kreiner.

Supervisor-J. S. Johnston, Adam Norris, Israel Snyder, W. A. Sheasley, K. B. Deemer, Martin Foltz.

School directors-Frank Best, John Dougherty, G. B. M. Deemer, W. A. London. Overseer poor-Jr H. Ake.

Auditor-Frank W. Deemer, Allen Cathers.

Judge of election, east-J. L. Marshall. Inspector, east-Thomas Adams, L.

L. Henry. Register, east-Edward Rupert, Sol-

omon Phillippi. Judge of election, west-Amos Deem-

er, Joe A. Lindy. Inspector, west-Urlah Beck, David H. Hollenbaugh.

Register, west-Isaac Snyder.

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Great Shooters of Europe. In Europe, where the question of a

game supply does not enter into consideration, killing for count is recognized as legitimate and sportsmanlike. He is considered to have made a record of honwho has bagged the largest numbers of birds or other game. Thus we rend of one Trauttunnedorff - Prince Carl Trauttomisdorff-who has to his credit for a single day's shooting the slaughter of 862 head of game, with the best bug of pheasants, 863; of partridges, 633; of hares, 416; of rabbits, 638; of roe buck, 12; of fallow deer, 20, and of blackecek, 14, and a best year's count of 10,823 head of assorted game. other record smasher is Earl de Gray, whose exploits have been duly tabulated for a series of years, from 1867 to 1895. His pheasants score was 111, 119, with 89,401 partridges, 47,468 grouse, 26,747 rabbits, and as many bares, 2,785 snipe, 2,077 woodcock, 1,898 wild duck, 567 deer, 12 buffalo, 11 tigers, a couple of rhinoceroses, and 9,000 assorted, making a total of 316,699 for the entire period, or about 11,000 annually. This is a record which the most industrious market shooter in this country would needs work hard to equal. In very truth the noble sportsmus must have been a mon-omanine in the field. Yet for all his slaughter the game supply where be shot ms not been permanently diminished .-

Forest and Stream

It is said that a certain tribe of In dians have a useful divinity which they call a swearing god. It is very small, equally ugly and even more convenient. It generally stands on a pedestal or is nailed to the wall of the living room, and the use of the pictoresque language in its presence is accounted not a sin, but a pious duty.

Thus if an Indian bruise, his finger, or his envuse steps into a prairie dog's hole and wickedly breaker his leg, he confines bimself to general remarks on the weather until he reaches home and sees again the comforting face of the grinn ng devil. Then he becomes suddenty cossessed of the eloquence of a mule driver, and the things that he says would make any ordinary effigy shrivel up with a rear, but the swearing god is used to it.

After ail. Led civilized beings are not so far beyond the Indian. When we get angry at a man we born him in effigy, or bang up a dell whose distorted features convey our trapressions of his unworth, and throw stones at it. - New York World.

Negro Development.

Medical researches show that in a general way white children exhibit more diversity in their measurements and the negro more uniformity, this becoming even more marked with age. Thus, the negro children are taller at the same age than the whites, but there are no marked differences up to the age of about 14. The size of the head is somewhat smaller in the negro, teeth are stronger and healthier and more regular, and the cutting period more strongly defined. There is a decided regro ear, which is smaller and has a drooping upper lobe, often with an an-The negro body is less fat and has relatively more muscular development in both sexes. The arm spread is greater and hands and feet both average longer. The thighs are more prominent in the middle, and the legs are smaller. - New York Tribune

A Noble Critic.

When Pope was first introduced to Lord Halifax, to read his "Iliad," the noble critic generously criticised this pasage and that word at frequent intervals. The poet was stong with veration, for the parts that most pleased him were the ones most criticised. As he returned home with Sir Samuel Garth, he revealed his displeasure.

"Oh," said Garth, "you are not acquainted with his lordship; be must criticise. At the next visit, read him the same passages and tell him you recollected his criticisms." Pope made use of this stratagem. Lord Halifax was delighted and exclaimed, "Pope, they are now inimitable!"

"Ruggles, I am in some embarrassment. I want to make a present of a jewel box, appropriately inscribed, to a young lady' "Corbus I'm sorry, but I haven to

"Confound you, did you think I was asking you for money? I only wanted your help in getting up the motto to

inscribe on the jewel case." "Corbus, you interrupted me. I was about to say that I hadn't a sentiment in my mind that would be appropriate to the occasions."-Chicago Tribune.

Not Exacting.

In one of Miss Mulock's stories she says that "a cheerful heart seeth cheer-ful things," and gives this incident in proof of it:

A lady and gentleman were in a lumber yard situated by a dirty, foul smell-ing river. The lady said, "How good the pine boards smell!"
"Pine boards!" exclaimed the gen-tleman. "Just smell that foul river."

"No, thank you," was the reply, "I prefer to smell the pine boards."

Three things too much and three too little are pernicious to man-to speak much and knew little, to spend much and have little, to presume much and be worth little.—Cervantes