

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.) Probably there is no government office in Washington with as many interesting civil war characters on its messenger staff as are to be found in the state, war and navy building.

General Corbin, who commanded a negro regiment in the war, has three old colored men as his personal attendants and messengers who served in his regiment.

He reigns supreme in the northern court of the building. Although Barney is getting along in years, he still maintains his erect military appearance and is one of the best reminders of 1861 to be found in any of the departments.

Capitol Dome in Mirage. A wonderful mirage which appeared in the sky to the south of the city, showing the dome of the capitol building, surmounted by the Goddess of Liberty, is creating great interest in scientific circles.

Indorsed the King's Conduct. Readers of the Sketch will recollect that on the occasion of the recent visit of the king and queen to the Isle of Man an illustration of the royal party, including Hall Caine, who acted as cicerone, was published.

General Bates' Big Cigar. Paymaster General Bates is the proud possessor of what is probably the largest cigar in the world. It is a product of the Philippines and was the gift of Major Comegys of the pay department.

The Patent Office Gazette. F. I. Allen, commissioner of patents, has issued the following general order relating to the publication of the Patent Office Gazette:

Ted, the Baby Leopard. There is a baby leopard out at the Washington zoo. He is a native of Mexico when he is at home, but now his address has been changed, and he has become the delight of many Washington youngsters.

Rented Churches Will Be Taxed. Church property in the District of Columbia is by law exempt from taxation, but the assessor has rendered a decision that will be of interest to church people everywhere.

Considerable Patience Required. Courtney, the famous rowing coach, invited a member of the faculty of Cornell university to accompany him down Cayuga lake one evening to watch the crews practicing.

The New Doll. There was trouble in the nursery. Little Nellie had broken her doll and would not be comforted.

Not a Good Needle. "How do you spell needle, Bobby?" asked the teacher. "N-e-d-d-l-e, needle, was the reply.

How He Would Know. An inquisitive woman once asked Professor Andree before he left on his ill fated balloon trip, "How will you know when you have really crossed the north pole, professor?"

NEW SHORT STORIES

King Alfonso and Mr. Storer. Alfonso XIII. of Spain may not have acquired as yet quite as much tact as is considered requisite in one whose relations are largely diplomatic, but there is no mistaking the keen observation and quick good humor of the boy, which is constantly shown in the actions of the king.

One evening just before the last of the Bourbon monarchs took the oath he was receiving at an informal reception to the diplomatic corps. He was not quite used to the situation, and his manner was a little awkward in meeting the majority of the representatives of the powers, but when Belmont Storer, the American minister, approached him a smile spread over his face.

"How queer you look!" was the decidedly informal greeting accorded to the representative of the United States. "What did it?"

Mr. Storer replied that he had been struck by a book falling from a high shelf, at which Alfonso said: "The weather is getting too nice to stay indoors and read. Come and ride with me tomorrow."

Mule and Thoroughbred Horse. A thoroughbred Arab horse and a mule were lodged together for a night in the same stable. The mule could do nothing but complain of everything.

Don't Overdo Pleasure. It seems impossible to impress it upon the average small boy and girl that there is actually more enjoyment in eating slowly and taking small mouthfuls than in gulping down food in enormous "chunks" and omitting as far as possible the process of mastication.

Seton Knew the Mountaineer. Before college closed last spring Ernest Thompson-Seton went out to Stanford university to deliver a lecture on wild animals to whom he had introduced himself, or some kindred subject.

The Song of the Fire. Now, hush, pretty flames, and leap no more. For the winter's day at last is o'er.

Names of Japanese Girls. Many of the pretty and suggestive little words that serve as names for Japanese girls are as charming in English as in Japanese.

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The Reason Why. "Don't you know Jones?" "Yes." "Then why did you cut him just now?" "Because I know him."

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FOR THE CHILDREN

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"My first question is, 'Where is the boy?' You see, it all depends upon the boy himself. You can judge the boy better from his appearance, his manner, his dress and the way he comes into an office than from any description of him.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

One Merit of Golf. "Yes, sir," exclaimed the enthusiast; "golf is the best ever. It has a distinct domestic value that is not generally appreciated.

The Wizard. He can't go forth and say to men, "You shall do that or this." He can't with one stroke of a pen send millions we or bliss. But he can reach with little hands and sweetly smile at me, and I forget that sorrow stands where gladness ought to be.

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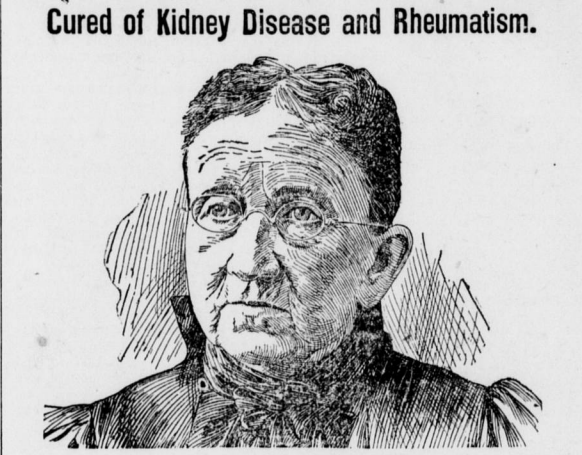
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Mrs. Dane, of Northfield, Vt., Cured of Kidney Disease and Rheumatism.



There is no better known woman in Northfield, Vt., than Mrs. Jane S. Dane, whose picture is shown above. Mrs. Dane was so much benefited by the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy that she has written the following letter to Dr. David Kennedy for publication.

For five years I was afflicted with kidney disease and rheumatism, the latter I had in its most acute form in my hip. I suffered so I could not turn over in bed at times. I resorted to many different kinds of treatment, only to find myself worse than ever. I was advised to use Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, and after I had taken four bottles of it I considered myself completely cured.

Such testimony as to the merit of a medicine, coming from a woman of Mrs. Dane's standing and character, ought to be of immense value to the sick and suffering. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy has cured many cases of kidney disease and rheumatism that were given up by their attending physicians.

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