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A HAWAIIAN STATESMAN.

Career of Minister Hatch, Who is in America on an Important Mission.

A foreign diplomat who is at present attracting considerable attention in Washington is Hon. Francis M. Hatch, minister of foreign affairs of the republic of Hawaii, and his accomplished wife, who are now visiting this country. Mr. Hatch was born in Portsmouth, N. H., 35 years ago and is a graduate of Bowdoin college. After leaving college he studied law, as many of his ancestors and relatives had done, and while yet a young man removed to



MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS M. HATCH.

Honolulu, where he entered the office of his uncle, Judge Harris, who was for many years chief justice of Hawaii under the royal government. After the death of his uncle he practiced law in Honolulu and soon made a reputation as an erudite and eloquent member of the bar. Long before the downfall of the queen he became interested in the annexation movement, and two years ago, when Liliuokalani signed the infamous lottery bill and trampled ruthlessly upon the constitutional rights of the people of Hawaii, he promptly joined the committee of safety and was one of its most influential members. He was president of the Annexation club, and after the formation of the provisional government under President Sanford B. Dole he became vice president of the republic. Last year he accepted the very responsible portfolio of minister of foreign affairs and is said to have displayed marked diplomatic talent and great ability in his official relations with foreign governments.

Like a great many other brainy men, Minister Hatch is not particularly imposing appearance. He is small and dark, but his features indicate the strong character behind them. His reputation as an orator was made in December, 1896, when he delivered a powerful speech in support of the new government. Minister Hatch is the fortunate possessor of two homes in Hawaii, one his town house in Honolulu and the other a beautiful summer place upon the beach at Waikiki.

His wife is a California woman, who is well equipped with modern education and cultivation for the high place she occupies in Hawaiian society. She is the daughter of Colonel Alexander G. Hawes of San Francisco. Colonel Hawes is a native of Vermont and won his title in the Union army.

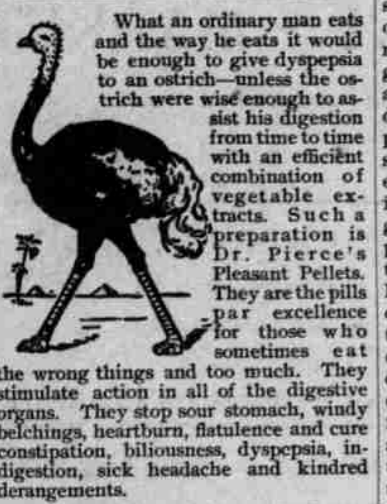
Minister Hatch's visit to the United States is said to be on diplomatic business, the precise nature of which is variously reported.

Inward and Outward Debt of Argentina.
The total internal and external debt of Argentina on Dec. 31 last was \$411,595,223 gold and \$46,061,801 currency, of which the interest bearing debt amounted to \$307,293,523 gold and \$14,813,601 currency. The external debt was \$215,567,568 gold, which was increased to \$222,531,022 on the 1st of July. The currency in circulation amounted to \$251,000,000.—Rio News.

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The prospect of relief from drastic cathartics for persons troubled with constipation is poor indeed. True they act upon the bowels, but this they do with violence, and their operation tends to weaken the system in general, and to the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is an efficient laxative, but it neither purges nor enforces. Furthermore, it promotes digestion and a regular action of the liver and kidneys. It is an efficient barrier against and remedy for malarial complications and rheumatism, and is of great benefit to the weak, nervous and aged. As a medicinal stimulant it cannot be surpassed. Physicians cordially recommend it, and its professional endorsement is fully borne out by popular experience. Appetite and sleep are both improved by this agreeable invigorant and alterative.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

News Gathered From the Old World and the New.

Russian railroads have women's smoking cars.

Liverpool, England, has in its list of city employees an official rat-catcher.

The Newfoundland council has approved a bill to give the government guarantee to bank notes.

The Boston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gives weekly lectures to coachmen on the proper way to treat dumb animals.

Dr. Ida E. Richardson, of Philadelphia, is one of the most successful woman physicians of the country, her income being estimated at \$10,000 a year.

H. B. Plant, the well-known Florida railroad magnate, made the hearts of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart glad at Tampa recently by liberal gifts of money.

A rural South Carolina paper tells of a circle thirty feet long and a yard wide that formed on a windmill in York county during the recent cold spell.

Mrs. Mozette, of Jackson county, Michigan, an inmate of the county almshouse, is 106 years old and glories in the assertion that she is "as mean a woman as God ever put breath into."

D. V. Tallent, mail carrier between Rutherfordton and Columbus, N. C., walks twenty-seven miles each day, carrying the mailbag on his shoulders. His compensation is \$600 a year.

The natives of interior Madagascar defend themselves against the advance of the French soldiers by removing all food from the line of march and refusing to furnish supplies at any price.

San Antonio, Tex., councils have passed an ordinance which prohibits physicians from charging more than \$1 a visit. It was passed at the solicitation of the leading physicians of the city.

J. M. Barrie, the novelist, opened his literary career by writing leading articles for a Nottingham paper. David Christie Murray commenced his journalistic career on the staff of a Birmingham paper.

A naval drydock, large enough to receive any vessel of our fleet, is nearly ready for use at Port Royal, S. C., and two others of equal size will soon be completed at Brooklyn and on the Pacific side of Puget Sound.

It is said that when the United States government moved to Washington in the year 1800 the property was all carried in seven boxes, while the chief executive got lost in the woods in the neighborhood of Washington.

In two years Austria has obtained through the Rothschilds two-thirds of the \$125,000,000 in gold it is hoarding in order to adopt the single standard, and of the amount secured this year \$24,000,000 is in American gold.

The citizens of Dedham, Mass., celebrated in memorial hall with great eclat the other night the 250th anniversary of the establishment of its free public school, which school, it is claimed, was the first one established in the world.

Twenty-seven war vessels were added to the British navy last year, exclusive of five torpedo boats, at a cost of about \$12,000,000. The record for 1895 will go even beyond this. England is enlarging her navy with even more zeal than ever before.

Although American steel rails are lower than ever before in the history of the trade, and terms are easier than in all probability they ever will be again, there is still a profit of more than 25 per cent to the manufacturer at the lowest prices recently quoted.

James Chandler, of Lyon county, Ky., is 79 years old, and has forty-seven grandchildren and thirty-eight great grandchildren. He lives near the farm on which his grandfather settled 109 years ago, and has never been away from home more than ten days at a time.

A Boston manufacturing company recently celebrated half a century of existence by making a distribution of a fund of \$30,000 among its employees on the basis of \$5 for each year of service. Some of the employes have been in the service so long that their salaries reached \$150 each.

Massachusetts has been fighting that dangerous insect, the gypsy moth, with annual appropriations, and finds that they grow larger every year. It is a question now whether the bug will not prove more costly to the state than the Hoosac tunnel, which represents an outlay, on the installment plan, of \$20,000,000.

Some time ago the city of Lawrence, Mass., discovered that its death rate from typhoid fever was higher than that from the same disease in any other town in New England. After an investigation of the cause the water supply of the place was filtered through sand, and the mortality from the disease has fallen from 43 to 8 in six months.

Word comes to this country from Switzerland that Pastor H. P. Holsler, the American representative of the Seventh Day Adventists in Central Europe and the director of their publishing house in Basel, is now undergoing a term of sixty-one days imprisonment in that city for allowing work to be done in the office on Sunday.

The mayors of New York and Brooklyn have approved Governor Morton's suggestion that a commission of eleven members be appointed by the governor and mayors to frame a charter for "Greater New York," to be submitted to the next legislature. The indications are that the consolidation will be effected within three years.

In the barren country of West Australia, where men are madly flocking in search of gold, the temperature is said to be 120 in the shade and no adequate water supply. There is such a boom in the price of claims that only rich men can buy them, and numerous rich men are there enduring all the hardships with the hopes of growing richer.

In Manchester, England, the town council is about to put \$1,250,000 into clearing the slums. An overcrowded and unhealthy space of five acres in the center of the city will be taken, the buildings torn down and new model workmen's dwellings erected in their stead, with large areas for playgrounds, and trees and flowers planted in the open spaces.

LIVED THE LIFE OF ALL.

Extract From Robert Ingersoll's Lecture on Shakespeare.

If Shakespeare knew one fact, he knew it himself and his neighbors. Looking at a coat of mail, he instantly imagined the society, the conditions that produced it, and what it in turn produced. He saw the castle, the most, the drawbridge, the lady in the tower, and the knightly lover spurring across the plain. He saw the bold baron, the rude retainer, the trampled serf and all the glory and grief of feudal life. He was a man of imagination.

He lived the life of all. He was a citizen of Athens in the days of Pericles. He listened to the eager eloquence of the great orators, and sat among the cliffs, and with the tragic poet heard the multitudinous laughter of the sea. He heard Socrates thrust the spear of question through the shield and heart of falsehood. He was present when the great man drank hemlock, and met the night of death, tranquil as a star meets morning. He listened to the peripatetic philosophers, and was unpuzzled by the sophists. He watched Phidias as he chiseled shapeless stone to forms of love and awe.

He lived by the mysterious Nile, amid the vast monstrous. He knew the very thought that wrought the form and features of the Sphinx. He heard great Memnon's morning song when marble lips were smitten by the sun. He laid down with the embalmers, waiting dead, and felt within their dust the expectation of another life, mingled with cold and suffocating doubts—the children born of long delay.

He walked the ways of mighty Rome and saw great Caesar with his legions in the field. He stood with vast and motley throngs and watched the triumphs given to victorious men, followed by uncrowned kings, the captured hosts and all the spoils of ruthless war. He heard the shout that shook the Coliseum's roofless walls, when from the reeling gladiators' band the short sword fell, while his bosom gushed the stream of wasted life.

He lived the life of savage men. He trod the forest silent depths, and in the desperate game of life or death he matched his thoughts against the instincts of the beast.

He knew all crimes and all regrets, all virtues and their rewards. He was a victim and a victor, pursuer and pursued, outcast and king. He heard the applause and curses of the world, and on his heart had fallen all the nights and moons of failure and success.

He knew the unspoken thoughts, the dumb desires, the wants and ways of death. He felt the crouching tiger's thrill, the terror of the ambushed prey, and with the eagles he shared the ecstasy of flight and poise and swoop, and he had lain with sluggish serpents on the barren rocks uncoiling slowly in the heart of noon.

He sat beneath the bo-tree's contemplative shade, and, wrapped in Buddha's mighty thought, and dreamed all dreams that light, the alchemist, has wrought from dust and dew and stowed within the slumberous poppy's safe hold.

He knelt with awe and dread at every shrine—he offered every sacrifice and every prayer—felt the consolation and the shuddering fear—mocked and worshipped all the gods—enjoyed all heavens and felt the pangs of every hell.

He lived all lives, and through his blood and brain there crept the shadow and the chill of every death, and his soul, like Mæzappa, was lashed naked to the wild horse of every fear and love and hate.

The imagination had a stage in Shakespeare's brain, whereon were set all scenes that lie between the morn of laughter and the night of tears, and where his players bodied forth the false and true, the joys and griefs, the careless shallows and the tragic depths of universal life.

From Shakespeare's brain there poured a Niagara of gems spanned by fancy's seven-hued arch. He was as many sided as clouds are many formed. To him giving was hoarding—sowing was harvesting—and waste itself the source of wealth. Within his marvelous mind were the fruits of all that thought past the seeds of all to be. As a drop of dew contains the image of the earth and sky, so all there is of life was mirrored forth in Shakespeare's brain.

Shakespeare was an intellectual ocean, whose waves touched all the shores of thought; within which were all the tides and waves of destiny and will; over which swept all the storms of fate, ambition and revenge; upon which fell the gloom and darkness of despair and death, and all the sunlight of content and love, and within was the inverted sky, lit with the eternal stars. Shakespeare was an intellectual ocean, toward which all rivers ran, and from which now all the isles and continents of thought receive their dew and rain.

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