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Gen. W. C. Gorgas to Promote Improvement of General Sanitation.

DIFFICULTIES TO OVERCOME

Rockefeller Foundation Is Backing the Work—Ecuadorian Government—Is Much Interested in Undertaking.

"Christobal, Canal Zone.—Gen. William C. Gorgas and his staff passed through Panama recently on their way to Guayaquil, Ecuador, on his mission for the Rockefeller foundation of stimulating the elimination of yellow fever from that port and of promoting the improvement of general sanitation there.

The Ecuadorian government has become very much interested in the matter, in view of the hopes of commercial and industrial activity after the war. General Gorgas received the correspondent of the New York World very cordially, and from him and Colonel Wrightson much interesting information about the work was obtained.

The world-wide campaign now being carried on by the Rockefeller foundation against such universal plagues as yellow fever, hookworm, malaria, bubonic plague and tuberculosis has already begun to revolutionize conditions in some of the countries in which the work is being carried on.

Vitality Is Increased.

For example, the reduction of the incidence of the hookworm in Porto Rico and Panama has resulted in an increase of the vitality of the population and stimulated industrial activity to a degree that has been clearly reflected in increased business activity. The foundation has employed the most eminent experts in the world for its work. General Gorgas is perhaps the most prominent of them all, having eradicated yellow fever from Cuba, made sanitation for Panama a model for the world, and carried the medical and surgical work of the United States army to a degree of efficiency never known in any army of the world before, during the war.

The west coast of South America has been severely handicapped in its

SIMPLE TO COULD NOT FORGET

Macaulay's Memory Could Only Be Described as Marvelous—John Bright a Close Second.

Talking of quickness in repartee a story of Sydney Smith was cited I had not yet heard. "Do tell, me, Mr. Smith," exclaimed a gusher gushing young lady, "what is dogmatism?" "My dear young lady," he replied, "dogmatism is only puppyism grown older."

I remember at breakfast one day at my father's, Lord Macaulay began to repeat some trashy old historical ballads, and so went on verse after verse, while my father exclaimed, "Why, Macaulay, how can you have committed all that rubbish to memory? What utter waste of time!" "Committed to memory!" cried Macaulay. "I only wish I could forget it. I simply glanced over those verses when standing at a bookstall one day." If I remember rightly, he said at the same time that if the first four books of Milton's "Paradise Lost" were destroyed, he could reproduce them word for word. . . .

Mr. Bright and Mr. Longfellow met each other for the first time at our breakfast table and were mightily delighted with each other. Again the conversation turned upon memory, and John Bright asked Mr. Longfellow whether he could identify and claim every line of poetry he had ever written. Mr. Longfellow thought he could not. Then he in turn put the question—would Mr. Bright be able to identify every one of the speeches he had made? "Yes," said Mr. Bright, "not every passage, perhaps, taken by itself, but given a certain amount of the context I undoubtedly could."—From "The Notebook of a Spinster Lady."

LITTLE CHANGED BY TIME

Dwellers in Mountains of Tyrol Live in Much the Same Way as Did Their Ancestors.

The mountains of Tyrol shelter one of the few remaining unspoiled peasant people of Europe—a people that wears a native costume, remembers its folk legends and follows customs centuries old.

The mountain Tyrolese are robust, hard-working folk. Life in the mountains demands work from every member of the household from daybreak until after dark. Then, on winter nights, the Tyrolese peasants play.

Dancing is a favorite amusement after the day's work, and this is all the more surprising because the dances of Tyrol are more strenuous than those

peasants sing lustily and well. Only a realization of tomorrow's work puts an end to the affair, and maids guests trooping home still whistling or humming the last song.

A Stranger in the Woods.

Years ago, when quite a youth, I was rambling in the woods one Sunday with my brothers, gathering black birch, wintergreens, etc., when, as we reclined upon the ground, gazing vacantly into the trees, I caught sight of a bird that paused a moment on a branch above me, the like of which I had never before seen or heard of. It was probably the blue yellow-backed warbler, as I have since found this to be a common bird in those woods; but to my young fancy it seemed like some fairy bird, so curiously marked was it, and so new and unexpected. It seemed like an integral part of the green beech woods. I saw it a moment as the flickering leaves parted, noted the white spot in its wing, and it was gone. How the thought of it clung to me afterward! It was a revelation. It was the first intimation I had had that the woods we knew so well held birds that we knew not at all.—John Burroughs.

Two Hundred Years Ago.

"And herein it is that I take upon me to make such a bold assertion that all the world are mistaken in their practice about women; for I cannot think that God Almighty made them . . . so glorious creatures . . . with souls capable of the same accomplishments with men, and all to be only stewards of our house, cooks, and slaves." This advanced doctrine, which in its climax sounds somewhat as if it were uttered in a present day convention, was written, as is noted in a recent book on English literature, some two hundred years ago, by Daniel Defoe.—Outlook.

Old Name for February.

The old Britons gave the nickname "Sildyke" to February, not because it is a particularly wet month, the average rainfall being the least of any month in the year, but because the melting snow on the hills causes the rivers and dykes to overflow. When there is a superabundance of snow and rain in February there is too much of what would be a good thing in moderation, and floods where they are least welcome.

BOIL YOUR DRINKING WATER

Owing to a breakdown in the chlorinating plant and the impossibility of getting a sufficient supply of water from Beaver Creek at this time it will be necessary to pump some water for a few days from the Grande Ronde river without chlorination. It is therefore deemed best that water for drinking purpos-

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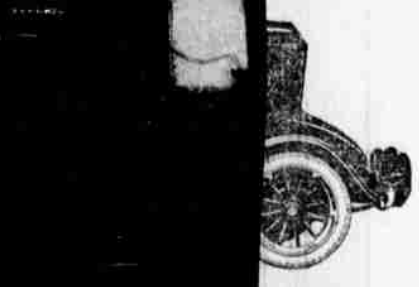

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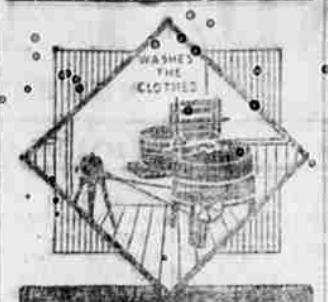

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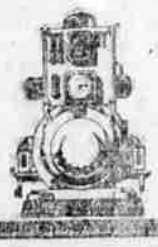

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