

SHIPS' MASCOTS IN BATTLE

The Detroit's Goat Particularly Distinguished Himself While Under Fire.

"Scared?" said an engineer of the Terror, speaking of San Juan. "Well, I guess I was. It was awfully hot below, and we couldn't see a thing, and the concussion of the guns and the knowledge that we were in a rain of shells were mighty unpleasant. The cat and I were very badly frightened. I guess the cat was worse than I. But, then, you know, the cat and I were the only folks on board that minded it."

He had evidently forgotten the celebrated goat, William Terror, who excited so much interest when the monitor was in New York last winter, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Billy is very young. They call him an apprentice goat. It was his first time under fire, and he behaved very badly. When the action opened he was on the upper deck, and at the first broadside became panic-stricken. He tore about the deck, a sailor had to carry him below, and in the depth of the ship, alone and unaccompanied, he trembled and bleated till the last gun was silent.

The Detroit's goat was braver. He had a station on the gundeck, and while the firing was going on and the shells were whirling over him he remained absolutely quiet. But whenever there came a lull he capered madly about. There is a difference of opinion as to why he was so composed during all the confusion. His friends among the crew say he was interested, and was watching the battle with a critical eye, and that his subsequent capers were but an expression of satisfaction at its results. His detractors contend that he was paralyzed with fear, and that when the noise ceased the spell was broken, and he gave vent to his feelings of terror by his wild antics.

EMPRESS ELIZABETH

The Ill-Fated Lady Positively Declined to Submit Herself to X-Ray Photography.

An interesting picture is drawn by Miss Emma Penner, a nurse who waited upon the ill-fated Elizabeth, empress of Austria, during the time when the victim of the assassin's knife was recuperating at Naheim. In a letter to the Frankfurter Finanz Herald she says among other things:

"To assist in making a proper diagnosis of the heart trouble of the royal lady, Dr. Schott, her attending physician, made an X-ray photograph of her. When a second attempt was made to use the X-rays her majesty said: 'No, no, Professor; I'll not tolerate it again.' 'But, your majesty, it is absolutely necessary.' 'Perhaps for you and my brother, but not for me, I will not be dissected alive. Take a photograph of one of the peasant boys about here, and send it to my brother as a picture of my heart.' To me the empress said afterward: 'I do not like to be photographed. Every time I have had by photograph taken some misfortune has happened to me.' Otherwise the empress was a most obedient patient. Her nature was naturally refined. She scorned artificial means to add to her natural beauty. Her figure was faultless, and her beautiful hair lay like a crown upon her head. She never wore any jewels, and the only thing of value she carried was a watch with a Greek inscription. An active correspondence was kept up between her and the emperor during her sojourn at Naheim."

USE OF HASHEESH

It Is Said to Be the Cause of Much Insanity Among the Natives of India.

The reports of the asylum at Cairo, Egypt, as to the native patients there exhibiting the most violent mental disturbance associated with the excessive use of hashesh are said to show some remarkable facts, it appearing that in 41 per cent. of all the male patients hashesh alone, or in combination with alcohol, caused the mental symptoms, while this was the case with only seven per cent. of the females. As to whether there is a special recognizable form of mental disturbance produced by hashesh, authorities conclude that in a considerable number of cases in Egypt the hashesh is the chief if not the only cause of such mental disease. The usual types of the disease are hashesh intoxication—that is, an elated and reckless swaggering state, with optical delusions and hallucinations. Acute mania is another form of hashesh insanity, incoherence and exhaustion; again, there is exhibited a weak-mindedness, the patients, though well behaved, being excitable about small things and unconcerned as to the future.

Five Dollars Postage for Letters. W. F. Bailey contributes an article to Century on "The Pony Express," from St. Joseph, Mo., to San Francisco. Mr. Bailey says: "The letters, before being placed in the pockets, were wrapped in oiled silk to preserve them from moisture. The maximum weight of any one mail was 20 pounds; but this was rarely reached. The charges were originally \$5 for each letter of one-half ounce or less; but afterward this was reduced to \$2.50 for each letter not exceeding one-half ounce, this being in addition to the regular United States postage. Specially made lightweight paper was generally used to reduce the expense. Special editions of the eastern newspapers were printed on tissue-paper to enable them to reach subscribers on the Pacific coast. This, however, was more as an advertisement, there being little demand for them at their necessarily large price."

Not at All Garrulous.

Gotplunks—Money talks, you know. Noscads—No, I don't know. I've never got within speaking distance of it.—Up to Date.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The average number of hours constituting a day's labor in North Carolina cotton mills is 11 1/2.

The Lancashire factories spin at least 150,000,000 miles of cotton thread on every full working day.

An engineer declares that 50,000 people now do the work with the aid of machinery which needed 16,000,000 persons to do a few years ago.

Collectors of skins have almost exterminated monkeys in the African gold coast. In one year the exports amounted to 108,000 skins, valued at over \$200,000.

A Hamburg chemist has succeeded with the aid of oxide of aluminum in creating a heat of up to 30,000 degrees. Pure chrome and manganese can now be made easily and on a large scale.

A garbage plant is to be established in the City of Mexico. The heat evolved by the crematories will be utilized for steam purposes and a number of factories will be erected in their immediate vicinity.

India possesses half of the window-glass producing facilities of the nation, produces over one-third of the plate-glass and a fourth of the flint and green glass, and stands first among the 17 glass-producing states of the union.

The Russian meteorologist Prof. Wootkof calls attention to the almost uninterrupted sunshine that prevails in the Irkutsk region of Siberia. He thinks it would be an ideal place for consumptives and for raising plants under glass.

A discovery of coal has been made near Sloggett bay, on the island of Tierra del Fuego, by Commander Nunez, of the Argentine navy. He reports extensive outcrops, indicating the existence of a thick seam. Analyses and tests of the coal show it to be of much better quality than the lignite heretofore found in Argentina.

DAWN OF LIBERTY IN CUBA.

Gen. Wood's Proclamation of Independence to the People of Santiago.

Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor pro tempore of the department of Santiago, on the 21st of October issued a proclamation, in ten sections, which is a sort of provisional declaration of independence.

The first article guarantees to the people the right of assembly for the common good and to apply to those in power by petition or remonstrance for the redress of grievances.

The second section guarantees the right to worship God according to individual conscience, provided there is no interference with any existing form of worship.

The third section directs that courts of justice shall be open to all and that no private property shall be taken by the government without compensation.

The fourth section, dealing with criminal trials, invests the accused person with the right to be heard himself or by counsel and to have compulsory process to secure the attendance of a witness in his behalf.

The fifth section says that no person accused of crime shall be compelled to give evidence against himself.

The sixth section declares that no such person who is once acquitted of the charge brought against him shall be tried for the same offense.

The seventh section provides that all persons charged with crime shall be entitled to bail, except in cases of capital offense, and that the writ of habeas corpus may not be suspended except the commanding general of the department deems it advisable.

The eighth section says that excessive bail shall not be required, and that no excessive fine nor cruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted.

The ninth section provides that in order to secure the people against unreasonable search there shall first be established under oath a presumption of guilt.

The tenth section guarantees to all the right to write or print freely on any matter, subject to responsibility for abuse of the right.

The municipal laws are to be administered in accordance with these declarations of rights, subject to modifications which, in the judgment of the commanding general, would be beneficial and promote the principles of enlightened civilization.—N. Y. Tribune

His Thanks.

The court looked severe, and after there had been an ominous silence of about a minute's duration said:

"Prisoner, this is the forty-fifth time I have fined you for being drunk." Mr. O'Fallon looked up suddenly and a glad light appeared in his bearded eyes as he put a hand against his breast and said:

"Thanks, judge."

"What do you mean by thanking me?" the court imperiously demanded.

With an expression of childlike innocence upon what had once been his face Mr. O'Fallon replied:

"OI had tosh'th'r-track of th' number of toimes it was meself and O'fish had a curiosity to know how many it was."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not Yet.

Great Picture Buyer (to hostess)—What do you think of the artist who painted cobwebs on the ceiling so truthfully that the servant wore herself into an attack of nervous prostration trying to sweep them down?

Hostess (a woman of experience)—There may have been such an artist, but there never was such a servant.—Illustrated American.

The Cornfield Philosopher.

"In my studies of mankind, likewise womankind," said the cornfield philosopher, "I have noticed that a wife beater never has any trouble in making a second marriage."—Indianapolis Journal.

FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Various Hints of Information Pertaining to Matters of Interest to the Housewife.

There are a few special points in greasing waffle irons that are well for the novice to bear in mind. Put the irons over the fire until hot on each side, then rub both griddles with a piece of salt pork or suet on a fork, or a bit of butter or sweet drippings tied in a clean cloth. The heat will melt the butter and let it run through the cloth. Close the griddles and reverse, which will allow the fat to run evenly over them. Put the batter into the center of the waffle iron over the fire, cover and cook a moment on one side, turn and cook a little longer on the other.

A bed of bright nasturtiums is a constant delight from various points of view. While always ornamental, the nasturtium leaves, blossoms and seeds are appetizingly edible as well. The leaves, sprinkled lightly with salt and spread between thin slices of bread and butter, are among the daintiest of sandwiches for the picnic basket or the afternoon tea. The blossoms are delicious in a salad with a French dressing, while the seeds, gathered when small and green, before the inner kernel has become hard, are admirable substitutes for capers or a welcome addition to any mixed pickle.

A brown or gray linen skirt that has become stained or spotted may be freshened and restored to eminent respectability by soaking for a few hours and washing in a decoction of hay tea. If the cured hay is not at hand, a few handfuls of grass cut from the lawn and dried may be used. Put it in a kettle of cold water, and steep for an hour on the back of the range. Strain and soak and wash the skirt. This may alter the original color a little, making it more the tint of the grass cloth, but it is a pretty and effective in disposing of the spots and stains.

The pretty English fashion of hanging portraits all down the sides of the staircase is obtaining a following among Americans as well. One young American matron who has spent much time abroad, and who is a great admirer of the good English queen, has her staircase lined with 30 prints of her majesty, taken at varying ages. Whether a truly patriotic American would find equal pleasure in a row of the presidents of the United States is a question that admits of doubt from an esthetic standpoint at least.

It is customary with a real "Virginia" cook to boil a whole ham at a time until nearly tender, and then slice from that for broiling or frying to serve with eggs. Hams or strips of bacon that are to be kept on hand during the summer are rubbed all over outside with a thin coating of hickory ashes to prevent mold or rust.

In following recipes for the canning and preserving of fruit, it should be remembered that a quart of fruit must be measured in a quart measure, not in the tradesmen's baskets, which vary in size, but are never a full Scriptural quart. Fruits and vegetables should be sold here as they are abroad, by the weight, instead of by measure.

After a ham has been boiled, and before getting entirely cold, it will be found a good plan to wrap around it a long strip of thin, old muslin, tying it on with a string. This may be turned back as fast as the ham is sliced, while in the meanwhile it keeps the edible from the intrusion of would-be familiar flies.

To prepare nasturtium seeds for pickles or capers remove the stems and let them stand in salted water overnight. Pack in small bottles and cover with boiling vinegar. If preferred, spices and a little sugar may be added. Ribbons and silks may be cleaned and freshened by washing in naphtha, while grease spots on the most delicate fabrics may be removed by sponging the spot in naphtha.—Washington Star.

Spanish-American Words.

Many English words are taken directly from the Spanish. When you speak of a piccadilly collar you are not using slang. The "picca-dillo" is a collar which at one time was worn by all men of position in Spain. A few years since many American cities boasted of companies of volunteer soldiers called grenadiers. The first grenadiers were in Grenada. Our marines, of whom we are especially proud just now, got their name by clipping the last syllable off "marineros," which is the equivalent Spanish word. Rye bread without caraway seeds would not be rye bread at all. Caraway is a purely Spanish word, derived from "Alcercra Hueya." The hammock on your veranda got its name from the Spanish "hamaca," although that is not purely a Spanish word. Columbus got it from the Indians 400 years ago. There are many other examples. "Banana," "apricot," "Canada," "duel" and "palava" are all directly from the Spanish.—Chicago Dispatch.

The Queen Opposed to Divorce.

The queen intimates that the pronouncement on the part of the prelates against divorce might have been written in stronger terms, as she is "totally averse to divorce under any circumstances whatever." Her majesty is willing to admit that in no institution are there more people wronged than in marriage; nevertheless, her belief is that an infinitely more satisfactory state would arise were marriage made indissoluble both by church and state. The queen adds that she has no objection to judicial separation, her strong disapproval of divorce being due to the liberty which it imparts to divorced people to marry again, and to the re-marrying of divorced people, no matter what the grounds of divorce, she is "unalterably and most strongly opposed." This is the first official expression her majesty has given to her views on the subject.—Mainly About People.

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TO LEARN ENGLISH. A Striking Example of the Intellectual Progress Made by a Japanese Student.

A Japanese young man of education and social standing recently became a waiter in a San Francisco club in order to learn English and make a living, says the New York Tribune. When he asked the steward for his wages the latter cursed him and struck him with a potato masher, whereupon he wrote the following letter to the club officials: "Through all this affair I was never offensive; when I went there to demand the money to which I am entitled he unjustly enjoined me to get out; that is an unreasonable movement, and cannot fail to hurt a man's feelings. "What! Without being satisfied with that insult made my blood boil and veins burst with successive onslaughts of ignominious swears. My returning was completely excusable for to be indifferent to such an ignoble treatment denotes that one is a stranger to the sense of honor; and so he ought to have relished it with abashed submission. And what again! The tongue, the countenance was not capable enough to wreak his savage fury and then resorted to the final step of violence as though I was a mass of callous? Inseparable to disgrace and pain."

It was a renowned Portuguese instructor in languages who first taught us, some 20 years ago, "English as she is spoke." Remembering still those brilliant expositions of our mother tongue, we are glad to note that the instruction still goes on and that the gift of tongues has not passed from the Portuguese and their children. At Rio Janeiro, according to the Chicago Times-Herald, there have lately been produced some of the finest specimens of our language used for the edification and information of persons temporarily sojourning in that city. One of the undoubted attractions of the Brazilian capital is the Zoological gardens, and a circular advertisement addressed "to visitors lying at anchor" runs thus—

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SINGULAR FREAK OF NATURE. An Airquake in an Italian Town Which Caused a Great Deal of Damage.

The earthquake that took place in the Umbrian town of Rieti, on the Velino, in Italy, the other day was accompanied by a phenomenon of which the first mender account of the shock gave no mention. According to a correspondent of the Osservatore Romano it was not an earthquake, but an "airquake." The air shook or vibrated like a violently agitated liquid; great rents were made in tall buildings and towers, and walls were thrown to the ground. The earth, however, seemed to be undisturbed, and no shifting of the street pavement was noticed. From the bishop down to the beggar, all seemed frightened. It is said that many felt the air vibrations and were thrown to the ground, while others were almost suffocated. A dense black cloud hung over the town while the phenomenon was passing. The church steeples, the savings bank, the theater, and no fewer than six palaces were more or less wrecked, as well as eighty or a hundred dwellings. Five hundred tents have been sent to the place by the government. The people, in the meantime, are living in hastily-built huts and in the half-ruined post office and the churches. Soldiers have been sent from Rome to the scene of the disaster, and they, with the students, are busy policing the ruins and trying to save some of the household goods. King Humbert has sent 35,000 francs from his private purse to relieve the first necessities of the people. At the time of the catastrophe a slight earthquake, like a shudder, was felt in Rome. Even there, too, people say they noticed a peculiar convulsion of the air.

Preliminary Charge.

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Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society at 2:30 p. m. Sunday Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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Methodist Episcopal Church South—Rev. E. F. Wilson, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League, prayer and praise meeting each Sunday at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Woman's Home Mission Society meets first Thursday in each month at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. E. H. Pickett, president.

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