

#### FELL IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE

"The War Angel of Ayoleta," as the Cubans called Matilda Agramonte y Varona, was killed recently while fighting shoulder to shoulder with her brothers for the freedom of her country. She was the daughter of two of the great families of Cuba, beiress to the fame and traditions of two old names of Spain, and to the remnant of a fortune that was once one of the largest in the rich island. Every rebellion has found Agramontes and Varonas under the banner of Cuba Libre. Her father and a brother gave up their lives in the ten years' war. Her remaining brothers and ber uncles enlisted under General Maceo, and left her alone on



the plantation in Puerto Principe, the only property left of the vast estate. She went to visit friends in a neighboring town, and on her return she found the family residence burned, the cane gone, the servants murdered or scattered. A Spanish guerrilla force had crossed there and destroyed the place. There was no place for the girl to go, so she asked the first band of rebels that passed that way to take her with them to Maceo's camp. Once there she asked to be enlisted as a soldier. The chief at first refused, but her brothers and uncles told him she would starve otherwise, and he relented and enrolled her. She saw only one battle. At Ayoleta, near the town of Quemado de Guines, the advance of a strong Spanish column overtook Maceo's command. The rebels were hopelessly outnumbered, and a battle meant a catastrophe. Maceo was on his way to meet the Bermuda, and two-thirds of his men were to be armed with the weapons she bought. He called for volunteers to face the Spanish army and delay their march, so that the remainder of the column could escape. The first to step forward in answer to the call were the Cuban girl, her brothers and uncles. They knew that the service meant death, but they went, and the girl stood there shoulder to shoulder with the other volunteers and fired until she fell. The Spaniards saw she was a woman, and called on her to surrender. She answered: "Viva Cuba Libre!"

Women's Views of Man. A straightforward, open-hearted man may be safely left to manage his own concerns.-Jane Austen.

A man capable of conquering habitnal indolence cannot be a feeble character.-Maria Edgeworth.

Men who have seen a good deal of life don't always end by choosing their

wives so well.—George Ellot. Remember one thing-no man can fall to fulfill his destiny but through his own fault.-George Sand.

Man is very apt to contemplate himself out of all proportion to his surroundings,-Christina G. Rosetti.

The best augury of a man's success in his profession is that he thinks it is the finest in the world.-George Eliot.

Love occupies a vast space in woman's thoughts, but fills a small portion in a man's life.-Maria Edgeworth.

Man is not made for that selfish concentration of despair which is called either abnegation or stolcism.-George

The just living of a lifetime makes a man incapable of any mere selfish handling of another's interests.-Mrs. Humphry Ward,

Black Veils Best of All. The success of the veil depends upon discretion in choice of pattern and its method of adjustment. Indeed the art of putting on a veil is a difficult one. Our Parisian sisters possess the happy knack of twisting voluminous lengths of net or gauze around their heads with an effect altogether delightful. To the careful study, then, of vell adjustment would we credit our readers, and also draw their attention to choice of design and color. The sallow complexioned woman should fly from the blue vell, she of roseate cheeks from the red, the business woman from the unpractical white, and so on, while undoubtedly the smartest and most becoming veil of all is the black, of soft fine quality and fascinating design.

Two Bables Mixed at Birth. a mother and daughter in the town of Irish Valley, Ps., are in a quandary such as probably has not happened before for a good while. Each gave

birth to a child on Monday, and so

busy was the doctor in attending to

hem that the babies got mixed up and it will be a secret forever which is which. Both children were born at nearly the same time and both were placed in a cradle. One of the bables glar and the business man to see who is a boy and the other a girl, and it will get there first. We have a plenitnds looked to outsiders as though there would be trouble over the boy, for the younger woman was anxious to present a son to her lord. The mother at length cut the Gordian knot by declaring that she wanted a daughter to replace the grown-up woman and that she was perfectly satisfied, since she had several sons. Thus all is serene, and will be unless one of the children dies, and then nobody knows what will happen.

No Profusion of Bric-a-Brac. The age has passed for small tables so laden down with bric-a-brac as to give the drawing-room the appearance of a china shop and to cause the average male caller to feel very much in the position of the historical bull. Bits of bric-a-brac may still exist, but these bits must be of some intrinsic value and need not be grouped together as though offered for sale. The souvenir silver table will still hold sway, as this collection is really interesting in many cases, especially so when they represent the hostess' own "trip acr. s," and the rich plush or velvet on which these ornaments are placed makes them a thing of beauty, as a rule.

Tribute of High Esteem. The beautiful loving cup which Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago, presented to Mrs. Joseph Thompson, of Atlanta, cannot be adequately portrayed in the accompanying illustration, but its meaning of love and good fellowship, coming as it does from the official head of the woman's department of the great national exposition to the woman who held the same position in the South's great exposition, is one which all Southern people will appreciate and take a pride in. Mrs. Palmer's gift means the warm recognition of Southern hospitality. The bond of mutual sympathy between these women in their great endeavors was strong to begin with, and was upon acquaintance made sure by personal under-



MRS. PALMER'S GIFT TO MRS. THOMPSON standing and accord. The loving cup will always recall to Mrs. Thompson the visit of Mrs. Palmer to the Atlanta exposition, while others looking upon it will remember happily the evening of the grand ovation given in her honor by Mrs. Thompson when the two women stood side by side, each receiving in her own individual fashion amid

brilliant lights and flowers. The loving cup is simple and elegant. The design is of a Venus riding on a dolphin and the work is exquisitely chaste and artistic.

Fashion and Home Hints. Jacket waists are popular this sea-

Fashion has run riot in dress trim-

Capes and jackets are popular spring

wraps. The new tweeds are rather bright in coloring.

Dress skirts are not quite so full as they were.

Ice cream may be eaten with either a fork or a spoon.

Children are to wear poke bonnets and one is occasionally seen on an adult. Fine checks promise to be very pop-

ular, and shot mohairs are especially recommended. Laces are more varied and elegant

than ever, with no end of applique designs on net and chiffon. Handsome lunch cloths and buffet covers that wash well are of fine linen,

bordered with renaissance lace. There is a great choice of silver candlesticks; but, after all, none surpasses

in beauty the colonial reproductions. Colonial silverware, in true octagon shape, with a novel disposition of beadwork and empire garlands, is the cor-

rect thing. A holder with a loop so long that it may be looped around the apron belt may save burned fingers by being always at hand.

Remember to thoroughly wash and scrape the vegetables used in soup and to be chary with the seasoning, which, If overdone, gives a coarse, unpleasant flavor.

Long or one piece effects are creeping in more and more, to the delight of stout figures. Under the name of redingote and princess gowns some very pretty costumes are evolved.

Two English bacteriologists conclude that an average of 1,500 microbes must be inhaled into the nose every hour, while in London the number must often reach 14,000. The organisms are caught by the nose and pass to the digestive all be telling us tales about their deorgans, which in health destroy them. | lightful trips abroad. - Capital.

GOTHAM'S 25,000 CROOKS.

Charles Dudley Warner Says That Num

bers of Men Live Only For Cri Charles Dudley Warner of the Prison Association of New York spoke to the League For Political Education on the subject "Relation of Citizen to Criminal" the other afternoon. In part he snid:

"We find most of the men of the country more anxious to make money than to preserve the safety of the state. It is a race between the thief and the burof professional thieves, who rob by violence. Here in New York it is calculated that there are from 20,000 to 25,000 professional men, so called, whose pur pose in life is to commit crime for money. They do nothing else but commit crime. They go in and out of prison with more regularity than anything else.

"It would be better for New York to apprehend all its criminals and to shut them up in the Waldorf hotel at \$8 per day. The citizens would be then saving money. With all our outlay we are obliged to barricade our houses and live

in absolute fortresses." The speaker said he believed in unlimited sentences in reform schools where the criminals are turned out only when they are cured and taught trades or professions to earn honest livelihoods. He said most criminals were morally and physically diseased and should be

#### FOR HER CHILD.

A Little Incident About Mrs. Hoke Smith at a Cabinet Dinner.

I heard a little story about Mrs. Hoke Smith at the last cabinet dinner given by Secretary and Mrs. Lamont to the president, Mrs. Cleveland and members of the cabinet. Mrs. Smith was able to be present. It was the first time that she had been able to attend a cabinet dinner since her first season here. The little daughter, who has been so ill with diphtheria, had recovered, as the mother thought, sufficiently to be left alone that evening, but while the dinner was in progress a message was brought saying that the little one was suffering from prostration brought on by fainting fits, to which she has been subject since her illness. Mrs. Smith arose immediately and made her apology, and President Cleveland, who, with the rest of the guests, was greatly concerned, inquired:

"Is your carriage near, Mrs. Smith?"
To which she replied, "No, Mr. President, but I have two feet, and I can

A carriage was provided. - Capital.

#### A FORGED LAW.

Curious Anomaly Now Bothering the North Carolina Legislature.

The forgery of a law is a curious anomaly in the history of legislation, but North Carolina is at present in trouble over a law which never passed either branch of the legislature, yet was laid on the governor's table for signature, having already affixed to it the signatures of the clerks and presiding officers of both houses.

By lapse of time it had become a law, and the governor, on applying to the supreme court to have the law annulled, was informed that the court could not go behind the law itself as it appeared when presented to them.

trial for forgery is now going on, in which the chief and enrolling clerks of the two houses are being prosecuted for forging the names of the presiding

The law invalidated all conditional or preferential securities for debt and forbade the giving of such securities in the future. A more futile and daring form of fraud would be difficult to imagine, -St. Paul Pioneer Press.

# Brothers Strangely Met.

Jesse M. Brown of Franklin, Pa., and Manson Brown of Titusville, Pa., were called to Akron, O., Saturday by a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of their father. The two brothers had not met in 20 years. They traveled in the same train and sat opposite each other. Neither knew who the other was. Leaving the train they walked to the business portion of the city together. They met again on South Main street and in a joking manner one of them stated that they were following each other. This led to a conversation in which it developed that they were brothers.-Cleveland Plain Dealer

Life Saved by His Watch Charm

George W. Honze's life was saved by Knights of Pythias watch charm at Muncie, Ind., the other night. Houze was held up in a lonely spot by a footpad, and in the struggle that followed three shots were fired. One ball would have penetrated Houze's stomach, but it struck his watch charm, glancing off. He finally secured the revolver and nearly beat the life out of his assailant with

# For Whispering In Church.

Ina Crabtree, aged 14, was brought the other night from Morgan township to serve out a fine of \$5 and costs and ten days' imprisonment for whispering in church. Magistrate Cooper imposed the sentence. Sheriff Rickey refused to lock her in the jail, and has taken her into his family. The commissioners will probably release her.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Captain Henry Fisher has just fallen beir to the undivided half interest of the town of Otis, Rush county, Kan. The tract of platted land contains 240 acres. It is on the Missouri Pacific railroad. A vein of coal underlies the town, which has 150 inhabitants.

# What We Must Endure

A thousand people have seen the St Paul aground, and for years they will

#### FOR ARBITRATION.

Movement Started In Chicago to Establish

A committee of prominent citizens of Chicago has issued a call to all parts of the country for expressions of opinion on the proposition to establish a permapent board of arbitration for the settlement of differences between this country and England. After calling attention to the recent war rumors the call continues: "We suggest and propose that the people of all cities and towns of the Union, at their meetings to celebrate the birth of Washington, or at special meetings called for the purpose on the Sunday afternoon next following or in the meetings of their societies, clubs, churches, social, religious or commercial organizations nearest in time to Washington's birthday, shall embody their views, each assemblage in its own way, on the following questions:

First.-Do we wish the governments of the United States and Great Britain, by formal treaty, to establish arbitration as the method of concluding all differences which may fail of settlement by diplomacy between the two powers?

'Second. - What is your opinion of war as a mode of deciding controversies between the United States and Great

"Dr. William C. Gray, 69 Dearborn treet, Chicago, and William E. Dodge, 11 Cliff street, New York, will receive the proceedings, which should be sent in duplicate, and arrange them for transmission to the president of the United States and the queen of England.

"We request our newspapers, religious and secular, if this proposal shall appear to them to be good and wise, to give it their sanction and urge the people in all parts of the Union to consecrate this celebration of the birth of Washington to this cause by taking ap-propriate action on that day or upon convenient occasions clustering around

### CULLOM'S REFUSAL.

A Reminiscence of the Republican National Convention of 1892.

If there is anything in the personal gratitude theory, Senator Cullom ought to be remembered by ex-President Har-



rison's friends, according to a story related the other day by an Illinois con-

It is a reminiscence of Minneapolis. The Harrison opposition, having failed with Blaine and Reed and McKinley, and everybody else in the effort to unite upon a candidate, finally concluded that Senator Cullom was the man. The senator had retired at midnight. At 3 o'clock in the morning he was awakened by the emissaries of the combine, and for an hour or more they struggled with him to induce him to permit himself to be used to defeat Harrison in the convention. "All you need to do," said they, "is to let the Illinois delegation vote for you. We will do the rest." But Senator Cullom was firm against the alluring temptation. He told his visitors that the Illinois delegation had been instructed for Harrison, and there, so far as he was concerned, they would stay. Not only would he not countenance any desertion, but if any one of the delegation attempted to vote for him on the floor he would instantly expose the whole proceeding.

"With Cullom's refusal to lend him self to the proposition to defeat Harrison," said the congressman, "the opposition practically gave up the fight. The coalition never doubted for a moment that it could have formed a winning combination with Cullom, and it wa with the keenest disappointment that it gave up its plan to spring him on the convention."—Washington Post.

Sloux Girl's Talent.

Miss Gertrude Simmons, who wor first place in the Earlham college oratorical contest at Richmond, Ind., the other day, and who will represent that institution of learning at the state contest in March, is a full blooded Sioux Indian. She is the first representative of her race to win distinction in oratory in any college of the world, and there is much interest manifested as to what place she will receive in the state contest. Miss Simmons belongs to a tribe whose reservation is situated near Deadwood, S. D., and this is her second year in college. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

The New Photography. Oh, Roentgen, then the news is true, And not a trick of idle rumor, That bids us each beware of you And of your grim and graveyard hu

We do not want, like Dr. Swift, To take our flesh off and to pose in Our bones or show each little rift And joint for you to poke your nos

We only crave to contemplate
Each other's usual full dress photo.
Your worse than "altogether" state
Of portraiture we har in toto.

The fondest swain would scarcely prize A picture of his lady's framework. To gaze on this with yearning eyes Would probably be voted tame work.

No. Keep them for your epitaph.

These tombstone sourcairs unplease
Or go away and photograph

Mahatmas, spooks and Mrs. B-s nt.

RICH, BUT SHOVELS COAL.

A Brooklyn Millionaire's Son Quite Col-

lege For an Engine Cab. From college to a machine shop, from aristocratic home on Brooklyn's "hill" to a daily rou as fireman of a locomotive, is not a step that every wealthy young man would choose, yet it is what George D. Pratt chose and what he would be proud of if he were not so modest.

He is a son of the late Charles Pratt, the multimillionaire philanthropist, Standard Oil prince and railway magnate. He graduated with distinguished honors from Amberst college in 1893. He spent a year in travel, making a trip around the world, and then began his earnest preparation for work. The Pratt estate is a very heavy stockholder in the Long Island railroad. George's brother is vice president. George set about to learn railroading in all its branches.

The shops of the company are at Morris Park, and there George first began work. He learned how the various parts of a locomotive are made and how they are put together. Then he moved to a new class room-the cab of a locomo-

Here, dressed in blue overalls and a greasy cap and jacket, his athletic college training stood him in good stead, for he shoveled coal as well as any other fireman on the line. He liked the work and faithfully kept at it. Now and then he resigned his place to another fireman and took a turn at running the engine, always, however, under the direction of another engineer. He finally gave up his job as fireman and worked for awhile on a freight train. Later he took a turn at track walking. Railroad magnates usually inspect their roads from the rear end of a private

Considering his outdoor experience complete, he recently entered the office branch of the service and is now at a desk in the auditor's department.

Mr. Pratt is 26 years old.—New York Journal.

# IMITATING WASHINGTON.

Politeness.

It is related of Speaker Reed that since he became a presidential candidate he has allowed President Washington's famous expression about not being outdone in politeness by a colored man to sink deeply into his heart. The other day, the story goes, the speaker was promenading along one of the most fashionable thoroughfares in the northwestern part of the city when he was met by two colored persons who were in anything but gala attire, visibly representing a lower stratum of hardworking colored society.

"How are you, Mr. Speaker?" they asked in passing, doffing their tiles.

"How are you, gentlemen?" said the speaker, accenting the last word, taking off his hat and making a very low and stately bow. The speaker's condescension was witnessed by a cluster of fashionable "buds," passing in their carriages at the time, and excited the liveliest attention and interest. - Washington Post.

BIG DEAL IN COAL LANDS. Syndicate Purchases 10,100 Acres Contain ing Millions of Tons.

Two railroad companies, through a syndicate, have obtained options on 10,-100 acres of coal lands in the Grape Creek district, overlying rich veins, containing 75,000,000 tons of bituminous coal.

George Gould and the Wabash road are said to be interested in the deal, which threatens the valuable interests of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road in coal freightage from that district to Chicago. The ostensible promoter of the deal is T. A. Broughton, vice president of the Crescent Coal and Mining company and manager of the syndicate. The deal involves the building of a new railroad to the coalfields.-New York

# Danger to Our Trade.

Incalculable danger to the export trade of the United States is threatened by Norway.

The grain element of the storthing has combined in an effort to impose heavy duties upon foreign grain and

It is said that the agrarians constitute the majority in the storthing, and that the contemplated law will unquestionably go into effect.—New York Journal.

Divorce Day For the Searcys.

In the chancery court of Salem, Ills., at the present term, four divorce suits in one family were disposed of by Judge Burroughs. Francis Searcy sued his wife for divorce, and at the same time, Steven, Daniel and William Branch, sons-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Searcy, began similar suits. All four were disposed of in one day, and divorces were granted in each case. - Philadelphia Record.

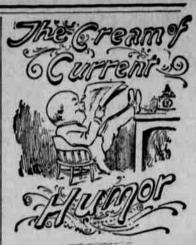
Eight Hundred Dollars For a Prize Hog. The largest price ever paid for a single hog in the United States-\$800was brought by King Medium at the recent sale of the famous Tally Ho herd of Poland Chinas on J. A. Benson's Norwood farm in Summit township, O'Brien county, Ia. The rest of the herd, 40 in number, brought a total of \$2,800, or an average of \$70 a head.

They Always Bob Up.

It is interesting to observe that the two names most prominently mentioned in connection with the new professorship of English literature at Yale are those of newspaper men. And yet some of the professors persist in turning up their noses at newspaper English. - Boston Herald.

Strange, Isn't It?

Congress contains 238 lawyers, and yet people think laws are made so as to allow such possibilities of litigation. -Somerville Journal



've traveled from the East to West, I've roamed from North to South; But failed to find a barber who Didn't lather up my mouth.

-Truth. Clara-"Mr. Nicefello said my face was classic. What is classic?" Dora-'Oh, most anything old."-Good News. She-"Why, Charles, how can you

eall Miss James plain? I wish I was

only half as good-looking." He-"You are, Hatty, and you know it."-Tid-Defeated Candidate-"Bah! (snapping his fingers) that for public office!" Suc-

cessful Candidate-"Yes, it is a snap, I'll admit,"-Philadelphia North American. "Alas! father, I have lost my heart," wailed the heroine. The villain scowled. "Careless girl!" he exclaimed be-

tween his clinched teeth.-Philadelphia Record. He-"Nice dog! Have you taught him any new tricks since I was here last?" She (sweetly)-"Oh, yes; he will fetch your hat if you whistle!"-Bos-

ton Globe. De Vere-"I have a compliment for you to-day." Miss Antique-"Indeed! What was it?" De Vere-"Young Chapman says you carry your years well."-

New York Town Topics. Vexed Mother-"James, how many more times must I tell you to stop making that noise?" James-"I'll leave that to your own judgment, ma."-

Philadelphia North American. How daintily across the street woman trips with grace complete, While man, inferior in all, Can never trip without a fall.

-Washington Times. Tommy-"Paw, what sort of orders tre 'sweeping orders' that the papers talk about?" Mr. Figg-"Just wait till your mother gets to housecleaning."-Indianapolis Journal. Railroad official-"You may not be-

lieve it, but this dining-car cost \$20,-000." Plaintree-"How long has it been running?" Railroad official-"Just a week." Planetree-"Paid for itself yet?"-Life. He (admiring a vase of flowers)-'Are they not beautiful? Do you know

they remind me of you?" She (softly)—
"But they are artific al." He—"Ah, yes; but you'd never know it."-Washington Town Talk Milson-"Haven't you gone to house-keeping yet?" Newly Married Man-

'No; we're waiting to save up enough to live in keeping with the style of the wedding presents." - Philadelphia North American.

The signs of spring are everywhere in sight: The pensive goat now chews And we encounter in their passing flight

The poet and the hokey-pokey man. -Philadelphia Record. "He is very gifted," said Miss Gushington. "Why, he can sit down and write poetry by the yard." "Yes," replied the envious rival. "The only difficulty is that the public reads it by

the inch."-Washington Star. "I'm sorry, ma'am," said the early spring tramp, "but my indisposition won't permit me to saw that wood." "What is the nature of your indisposition?" "It's an indisposition to saw

wood, ma'am."-Harper's Bazar. An Artistic Achievement. - "Mr. Crayons is very successful in his drawing," remarked the young woman. "Yes." replied the discourteous rival. 'I understand he disposed of several pictures at a raffie."-Washington Star.

He freely talked of dynamite, This anarchistic churl; He'd send the kings and plutocrats All skyward in a whirl-But he always let his wife blow up The tyrant hired girl!

-Indianapolis Journal. The boy had smashed his father's shaving mug when his mother dis-covered him. "Oh, Freddie," she exclaimed, "what will your papa say when he comes home and sees what you have done?" "Well, mamma, I don't think I'd like to repeat it before you."-Pearson's Weekly.

Mrs. Johnson-Hateful, stuck-up thing! How proud she was of that new dress of hers. She would hardly look at me. But I got even with ther. Mrs. Jackson-How did you do it? Mrs. Johnson-Oh, I told my serv-ant girl where she could get a dress like it.-Somerville Journal.

Said a bicycle boy, "Now, then, I will ride like the racing men." But he got into trouble, For he bent himself double, And couldn't bend back again.

—Buffalo Express.

Mr. Umbell-Even the worm will turn. His wife (scornfully)-You are scarcely a worm. Mr. Umbell (reminiscently)-Possibly not now, my dear, but I can remember away back yonder hearing folks say something about an early bird when you got me .- New York Sun.

New office boy-Lady in the outside office wants to see you, sir. Proprietor-Important business? New office boy-She didn't say. She just looked determined and said she wanted to see you. Proprietor (with a sigh)-show her in. It's my wife.-Philadelphia North American.