

FIRE THE FIRST SHOT.

Gunner Charles Cavanaugh Opened the Battle at Manila.

Gunner Charles Cavanaugh, the man who fired the first shot in the great naval battle of Manila Bay, is a native of Harvey County, Kansas. He is a gunner on the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship, and has charge of one of the 8-inch guns. When the battle commenced the Olympia signaled the other ships to begin firing, both by "wigwagging" and by firing the first shot herself. Charles Cavanaugh had the honor of firing that first shot. A



CHARLES CAVANAUGH.

letter was received from Cavanaugh by Charles Barber, a cousin, in which he said the fire of the Spanish fleet was at all times very wild, and that to the American sailors it was simply an exciting target practice. Gunner Cavanaugh is just 21 years old, and has been in the American navy nearly two years. He enlisted in November, 1896, and was drilled in the recruiting ship Independence. The following March he was sent across the Pacific in the mail steamer Peru, and after his arrival in Japan April 15 he was transferred to the flagship Olympia. He learned the tricks aboard ship very quickly, and was transferred to the Yorktown and back to the Olympia. His promotion was rapid, and he soon was placed in charge of one of the big guns.

BULLETS IN '61.

But Cheers of Welcome for the Bay State Troops in 1868.

The reception accorded recently in Baltimore, Md., to the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, en route to Fells Church, Va., to fight the Spaniards, was in striking contrast to that given



ATTACK UPON THE SIXTH MASSACHUSETTS IN BALTIMORE.
Street between Gay and Bowley's wharf, April 10, 1861, when a mob of 10,000 assailed the troops.

the same regiment in the same city April 10, 1861, when the New England troops were on the way to Washington to defend the capital against a Confederate attack.

In '61 the troops were savagely attacked and blood flowed freely. Recently the troops were received with every demonstration of joy and patriotic fervor. Truly has time healed the wounds of the civil war. In '61 the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, after leaving the President street railway station were proceeding along Pratt street, between Gay street and Bowley's wharf near Calvert street, when stone throwing and pistol firing by those opposed to the passage of the troops was commenced with great vigor. A large pile of cobblestones was piled up on the side of the street here and there were used to drive back the soldiers. There were thirty killed in the mob and more than 100 wounded. Five of the soldiers were killed and twenty-four were injured.

Among those who welcomed the Bay State soldiers last month were fifteen of the men who stoned them in '61. They made up in enthusiastic welcome for the dark event of thirty-seven years ago.

Duck Eggs in an Albumen Factory.
Near Chingkiang, China, is a great albumen factory, for the utilization of the duck eggs which are produced in that region in enormous quantities, flocks of 4,000 and 5,000 ducks being by no means uncommon. The eggs are broken at the rate of from 40,000 to 60,000 per day by women, who separate the white from the yolk, the former being carefully cleaned and dried until they resemble fish glue, when they are packed in 400-pound cases lined with zinc. The yolks are passed through sieves into twenty-five gallon receptacles, mixed with a salt and borax solution, packed in 500-pound barrels, and used in Europe for preparing and dressing articles of superior quality. The albumen finds a ready market in England, France and Germany for dyes for the best cotton goods.—Philadelphia Press.

Liverpool and Slave Trade.
The great wealth of the merchants of London and Bristol enabled them to enjoy a practical monopoly of the African slave trade for a long period prior to Liverpool having any share in it,

says Gomer Williams "History of the Liverpool Privateers." Liverpool adventurers with a small capital were unable to equip vessels and purchase goods specially adapted to the African market and of no use outside of that market, nor could they afford to await the uncertain results of round voyages, sometimes prolonged to more than a year and subject to terrible dangers unknown to any other description of trading adventures. Early in the eighteenth century, however, a successful rivalry with Bristol in exporting provisions, coarse checks and silk handkerchiefs of Manchester made to the West Indies and the continent of America eventually enabled the merchants of Liverpool to participate in the more lucrative slave traffic.

While Liverpool obtained from this competition a sudden accession to her commerce which filled her warehouses with sugar, rum and other West India produce, the trade of Bristol to the West Indies declined. The checks of Manchester, carried in Liverpool ships, ousted from that market the German, French and Scotch osnaburgs exported from Bristol.

The Morse Handwriting.
Thomas Bailey Aldrich once received a letter from his friend, Professor S. Morse, and, finding the handwriting absolutely illegible, he sent the following reply: "My Dear Mr. Morse: It was very pleasant to receive a letter from you the other day. Perhaps I should have found it pleasanter if I had been able to decipher it. I don't think I mastered anything beyond the date, which I knew, and the signature, which I guessed at. There is a singular and perpetual charm in a letter of yours—it never grows old, it never loses its novelty. One can say to one's self every morning: 'Here's a letter of Morse's; I haven't read it yet; I think I shall take another shy at it to-day, and maybe I'll be able, in the course of a few years, to make out what he means by those 't's that look like 'v's and those 'a's that haven't any eyebrows.' Other letters are read and thrown away and forgotten, but yours are kept forever—unread. One of them will last a reasonable man a lifetime. Admiringly yours, Thomas Bailey Aldrich."

Poets in Parliament.
The father of English poetry—Chaucer—was elected a member of the House of Commons in 1388. In 1621 Walker was at the age of 17 elected



JOSEPH LEITER.

member for Agmondesham, in Bucks. He was several times re-elected and in 1633, as a member of the Long Parliament, delivered his famous speech against the levying of the ship tax. Andrew Marvell was, in 1658, elected member for Hull, the place of his birth. Addison entered Parliament in 1703; he had previously been Under-Secretary, and afterward was Secretary of State. Richard Glover represented Weymouth in Parliament for many years subsequent to 1761. Richard Brinsley Sheridan sat in the House, and his speeches as a member were greater than his poems; and at the same time George Canning, author of the "Needy Knife-Grinder," sat as a member of the House of Commons. Contemporary with Canning was Lord Macaulay, whose rival in debate, William Mackworth Praed, also sat in the House. Moulton Malone (afterward Lord Houghton) became a member of Parliament in 1837, though better known as the writer of "Strangers Yes" and "The Brookside."

Danish Kings.
How many historical students have observed that Denmark's kings for 884 years have all been named Christian or Frederick? This is not the result of accident. It is the law. The present King is Christian IX. He will be succeeded by Frederick VIII, who in turn will be succeeded by Christian X. It is the law of Denmark that Christian must be succeeded by Frederick and Frederick by Christian. To attain this, and without the changing of names, in case of death or other reason, every Danish Prince, no matter what other names he may receive, always includes Christian and Frederick. In some German royal families it is also the custom to name all the male children after the head of the house. Thus it transpires that the house of Reuss has its King Henry LXIX.

Carp Out of Water.
Some fish exhibit great power of endurance when deprived of power of access to their native elements. In Holland carp are kept alive for three weeks or a month, the fish being placed in wet moss and kept in a cold spot.

Keeping the Dye.
A little cream rubbed into black kid gloves will prevent the dye from coming off. It also gives them a nice gloss,

A NAPOLEON'S RISE AND FALL.

Failure of Joseph Leiter, the Great Wheat King of Chicago.

The fall of Joseph Leiter, for more than a year the wheat king of the world, was a great surprise in financial circles throughout the country. Three weeks before he had a paper profit of \$4,500,000; when the crash came this was wiped out and he lost from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 besides. Leiter began his speculations in wheat in April, 1897. The price of wheat was then low and he purchased enormous quantities of the grain at from 64% to 72% cents a bushel. This year prices went up and young Leiter began to reap rich profits. Last month the price jumped to \$1.85 a bushel and by June 1



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with it in a circle, in the center of which the young girl is placed. Then the clergyman recites a number of prayers and winds up by giving his benediction to all present. The moment he pronounces the last amen the circle and its center stand in the relation of brothers and sister to each other to all religious and social intents and purposes. Each and every one of the males is bound in honor—and a Cretan knows no more sacred obligation—to protect that girl throughout her life, but none of them can ever take her for his wife. She is and remains their sister in the eyes of the priest and people to the end of her days. But they must also stand by and succor each other, and if needs be at the cost of life itself.

The causes contributing to the downward tendency of prices were increased shipments from other grain-growing countries to European markets, the reselling in this country of wheat previously purchased by foreigners, the unloading on the American markets of wheat which other speculators had on hand, and the Government report to the effect that the wheat crop of the present year would exceed that of last year by 200,000,000 bushels. These conditions proved too much for Leiter. He had lined up for a battle royal against the world and just like the military Napoleon the "Napoleon of wheat" met his Waterloo. He could not maintain the prices even though he paid as high as \$1.50 a bushel. Up to the day of failure the elder Leiter supported him, but when he saw his son still paying heavy prices for wheat in a hopeless endeavor to maintain the market he notified the banks that he would not aid his son further. The young man's credit then failed and the end came.

The big bull several times during his year of campaigning faced collapse. There was almost a crisis in December. The receipts of wheat that month poured in past any expectation. The bull leader had counted upon getting 5,000,000 bushels cash grain. The receipts were double that. Outside markets seemed on the point of slipping away. Support was required simultaneously in a half-dozen markets. In one critical half hour Leiter checked out \$500,000 for margins. In three days, when a determined effort was being made in March to break the May price under \$1.04, at which figure he was supporting it, Leiter took 7,000,000 bushels. It was at this crisis that \$9,000,000 of choice securities were placed with two banks. This demon-



LEITER IN HIS OFFICE.

stration of financial strength turned the day. Leiter's fight for the time was won when the vast blocks of city railway and Burlington certificates, which made up the \$9,000,000 of new collateral, went into the vaults of certain banks. If Leiter's borrowing capacity had been limited to any ordinary figure he would have been overwhelmed by the avalanche of sales he had several times during the year to meet. "If Leiter's credit had been limited to \$15,000,000," said a gentleman with some knowledge of the critical moments in the deal, "he would have collapsed long before he did."

Beautiful Custom in Crete.
One of the curious Cretan customs which prevail on the eve of every inauguration, says the Fortnightly Review, is known as adelphopotes, or fraternization. One of its immediate results is the cessation of all feuds, enmity and rancor. It is carried out as follows: A number of individuals choose a young girl, who must be pretty—a difficult matter in Crete. They inform her parents of their intention, and the needful consent is never withheld. Then a priest is sent for and told to begin the ceremony. He takes a very long girdle and joins all the men

any officer and his father, who was a graduate of West Point, had served in the Mexican and civil wars and was one of the victims of the Custer massacre. He was major of the Seventh United States Cavalry and at the time of his death was a major general by brevet.

Most Extensively Used Food.
Rice is, no doubt, the most extensively used article of food the world over. Hundreds of millions of people chiefly subsist on it, and its consumption is constantly increasing. It is the principal diet of at least one-third of the human race, forming the chief food of the native populations of India, China, Japan, Madagascar, many parts of Africa, and, in fact, of almost all Eastern nations. The Burmese and Siamese are the greatest consumers of it. A Malay laborer gets through fifty-six pounds monthly; a Burmese or Siamese, forty-six pounds in the same period. The Eastern nations also chiefly obtain their beverages from rice, which is the principal grain distilled in Siam, Japan and China. Saki, or rice beer, is produced in Japan to the extent of one hundred and fifty million gallons annually. Although rice is such a universal article of food, it is not so nourishing as wheat or some other grains. More than nine-tenths of its substance consists of starch and water, forming more fat than muscle.—Saturday Evening Post.



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"Holy Land" of All Religions.
Christians call Palestine the Holy Land because it was the birthplace of our religion, as well as that of Jesus Christ, our Savior, whose birth, ministry and death occurred in the vicinity of Jerusalem. To the Mohammedans, Mecca, in Arabia, is the Holy Land, it being the nativity of Mohammed, the savior of those who believe in his doctrine. India is the Holy Land of the Chinese and other Oriental Buddhists, it being the native land of Sakya-Muni, the supreme Buddha. Ellis, one of the several divisions of the ancient Peloponnesus, was the Mecca and the Jerusalem of the ancient Greeks. The temple of Olympian Zeus was situated at Ellis, and the sacred festivals were held there each year. With Achala, it is at present a part of Greece. The believers in the Sinto religion make annual pilgrimages to Sits-Kara, the pillar where their supreme ruler last stood while talking to men.—Saturday Evening Post.

The Recipe.
Mistress—Do you call this sponge cake?
New cook—Yes, mum; that's the way a sponge is before it's wet. Soak it in your tea, mum.—Boston Traveler.

Prices of Paintings.
At a sale held in London the other day Rembrandt's "A Jewess," with the engraving after it, brought \$1,575, and Van Dyck's "The Infant Christ" \$225. Brakemen refer to the saloon free lunches as "trading stamps."

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