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Living in Manila.

Living in Manila, says Joseph Earle Stevens in McClure's Magazine, is dirt cheap—if you are not fond of tinned peas and asparagus, that come from France and Germany.

"Our cook got 40 cents per diem to supply our table with an entire dinner for four people, and for 5 cents extra he would decorate the cloth with orchids and put peas in the soup. As a servant, the native is satisfactory if you have enough of him. He takes bossing well, and you can punch his head if things go wrong. In fact, he rather expects it than otherwise, and does not put his arms akimbo and march out of the house when you mildly suggest that the quality of ants in the cake was not up to standard. For ants are everywhere, and unless the legs of your dining table and cook stove stand in cups of kerosene, the ants will be apt to eat the dinner before you do.

"For wages, these boys—and they are called boys till they die—get some \$4 a month, and on this salary my own servant paid 10 per cent to the government, supported a wife and two children, bought all his own food and ran a fighting cock. I don't know how much he stole, but he used sometimes to call on me for an advance, saying that he needed funds to bury some relative. At first I was touched at his loss, but later on, when he tried to bury his mother twice over, I found it necessary to keep a record of the family tree in order not to be led into paying an advance on the cost of two funerals for the same person."

Inside of a Molecule.

The New South Wales government analyst, William M. Hamlet, delivered the presidential address in the section of chemistry at the recent meeting of the Australian Association For the Advancement of Science, the subject being "The Molecular Mechanism of an Electrolyte."

He defined an electrolyte as a body in solution or state of fusion, capable of being instantaneously decomposed by a current of electricity, and he claimed that if the explanation he offered was adequate for the electrolyte it must hold good for the constitution of the matter in the universe, so that the treatise on the electrolyte has a most important scientific bearing. The method of investigating the action of one body upon any other, he reminded his audience, was brought to a high degree of accuracy by the immortal work of Sir Isaac Newton. He alluded to some observations of the late Professor Clifford, made over 20 years ago, this authority remarking, almost prophetically, "We can look forward to the time when the structure and motions in the inside of a molecule will be so well known that some future Kant or Laplace will be able to make an hypothesis about the history and formation of matter."—Nature.

The Cavalry Regiment.

The sabers clank'd, the men look'd young and healthy and strong; the electric tramping of so many horses on the hard road, and the gallant bearing, fine seat and bright faced appearance of a thousand and more handsome young American men, were so good to see. An hour later another troop went by, smaller in numbers, perhaps 300 men. They, too, look'd like serviceable men, campaigners used to field and fight. July 2—This forenoon, for more than an hour, again long strings of cavalry, several regiments, very fine men and horses, four or five abreast. I saw them in Fourteenth street, coming in town from north. Several hundred extra horses, some of the mares with colts, trotting along. (Appear'd to be a number of prisoners too). How inspiring always the cavalry regiments. Our men are generally well mounted, feel good, are young, gay on the saddle, their blankets in a roll behind them, their sabers clanking at their sides. This noise and movement and the tramp of many horses' hoofs has a curious effect upon one.—"The Wound Dresser," by Walt Whitman.

She Married Him Anyway.

A convict at a French penal settlement who was undergoing a life sentence desired to marry a female convict, such marriages being of common occurrence. The governor of the colony offered no objection, but the priest proceeded to cross examine the prisoner. "Did you not marry in France?" He said, "Yes." "And your wife is dead?" "She is." "Have you any documents to show that she is dead?" "No." "Then I must decline to marry you. You must produce some proof that your wife is dead." There was a pause, and the bride prospective looked anxiously at the world begloom. Finally he said, "I can prove that my former wife is dead." "How?" "I was sent here for killing her." And the bride accepted him notwithstanding.—Denver Times.

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Dr. Pellet—It will make a heap of difference to you. If you go to the grocery, they'll give you so much that the dose'll kill you.—Boston Transcript.

Peculiar to the State.

"So far as I know," said the doctor in answer to a question, "the shortest word of four syllables is 'Ohioan.'"

"Well," observed the professor, removing his cigar from his mouth a moment, "it's the same way as regards the offices. The Ohioan always gets there with fewer letters than anybody else."—Chicago Tribune.

Hard Requirement.

Ho—I'm about to get a good position under the city; nothing to do practically but sit still and look wise.

She—Oh, I do hope you'll be able to fill the place!—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Health Before Beauty.

Two Irishmen who had not met for years ran across each other in Derby, and after a period of handshaking adjourned for some moist congratulations.

"Long time since we met, Pat, isn't it? Great lot of things have happened since then."

"Yes, indeed. Look at me! Sure, it's married I am," replied Pat.

"You don't tell me."

"Faith, and O! we got a fine, healthy bhoys, and the neighbors say he is the very picture of me."

O'Grady looked at Pat, who wasn't built on the lines of a prize beauty.

"Och, well, what's the harrum so long as the child's healthy?"—New York World.

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