A NAVAL ACADEMY DAY.

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The Rigid Routine That Rules the Middles' Waking Hours,

Let us look for a moment at the division of time in a week in the academy. The morning gun awakens the young midshipman at 6 o'clock. He has thirty-five minutes to dress and appear for roll call. When this is over he and his comrades march at once to breakfast. It is then about twenty minutes before 7 o'clock. After breakfast a short prayer is offered by the chaphim. The meal is over by 7:30, and then there is the sick call. Twenty minutes later the midshipmen must be in their rooms ready to go to their first recitation. At 7:55 they form and march to their classes in squads. At 8 o'clock they are called to order in their classrooms.

The actual work of the day has begun early, and there has been no lagging or loafing. At the Naval academy the midshipmen are trained to walk with a quick step and at a lively gait. The men in the class squads-from six to twelve each-march two abreast and in close formation. It does not take them long to go from one building to another. For each midshipman there are three recitation periods of two hours each. Half of each period is devoted to study, half to actual recitation in class. The first period is from 8 to 10 o'clock in the morning, the second period from 10:15 to 12:15 o'clock and the third period from 2 o'clock to 4 in the afternoon. Between 12:15 and 2 o'clock the midshipmen eat their dinner and have a few minutes afterward for rest. At 4 o'clock all the class work is over, but not the work of the day, for then comes the call to drill.

Drill lasts an hour and a half, and it is work, too, for the naval officer must know thoroughly the infantry and artillery practice of the soldier as well as his own particular branch of the profession of being ready to fight. When his task is over at 5:30 the midshipman has an hour and a half of recreation. This is the playtime of the day. The boys are then on the athletic field engaged in football or baseball practice, depending on the time of the year; sailing in cathouts on the harbor or indulging in other amusements that they may choose. But during that hour they are still under the rules governing general conduct

When 6:55 comes the men are called to supper, and at 7:30 the midshipmen must be in their rooms again and at their books. The study period is two hours long. There is a half hour's relaxation before bedtime, during which the young men may visit each other's rooms, but at 10 o'clock all lights must be out.

For five days in the week this is the unvarying routine, with the exception of two hours' liberty Wednesday afternoon for the first class. On Saturday and Sunday there is a change. Varying with the length of time which they have spent in the academy, liberty is granted to all midshipmen on these two days of the week. The members of all four classes are permitted to leave the grounds after the roll call to dinner, but they must return before the formation for supper. After the supper call the members of the first and second classes have permission to go again beyond the academic limits, but they are required to be back by 9:30. They or may not eat their supper at the academy mess, as they desire, but they must always report for roll call. In this way the authorities of the institution keep a finger on them. - Leslie's Weekly.

Du Chaillu's Vain Hunt.

Paul Du Chailiu was the most gallant of bachelors and always openly confessed that he was quite unable to resist the wiles of the fuir sex, so much that he had never been able to choose between them. On one occasion when he was "the lion" at a reception given by some intimate friends in New York the hostess in presenting him to one of her guests said: "Let me present you to Mrs. -

You must know her, Paul, because she has just written a book.

"A book, madam!" he exclaimed. "Then, indeed, am I most delighted to meet her. 1 once made a book myself But what is the title of your book?" "The name of it is 'What One Wom

an Thinks," " was the smiling response. "Ah, indeed, and most interesting!

What One Woman Thinks!" " repeated the great explorer. And then, with a simulated excitement, he added hastily "But where can I procure a copy of it? I must have it at once-immediately. All my life I have been trying in vain to find out what women think, and If before I die I shall succeed in find ing out just what one woman thinks I shall then indeed die content."-New York Times.

A Daring Eskimo Lover.

A young Eskimo had secretly courted the daughter of an enemy. The huis of the lovers were not far removed. but one night the terrific cold ripped a great crevasse in the ice, and the young man's house was left isolated. A gorge 100 feet deep and twenty feet wide separated it from the igloo, or hut, containing his sweetheart, but there was a narrow bridge of ice left across. the crevasse, and this, the young man found, would bear his weight. Esk) mos sleep in bags. The lover decided that he would that night cross the ice bridge, steal the maiden he loved, bear her to his hut and then break down the bridge so that he and she together might enjoy their honeymoon unmolested. He planned very successfully. He crept in the dead of night into his enemy's hut, he snatched up the maiden in her sack without awaking any one, he bore her over the ice brids safely, and then he opened the sack to embrace his bride; but, beholding its contents, he gave a loud cry. It was not the maiden, but her father, that he had stolen.

Hairdressing In Japan.

Hairdressing is an elaborate study in Japan, where the style of the colf fure generally indicates the position and age of the lady. Thus girls of eight or nine wear their hair in a bow at the back bound round with red erape. for a second spouse twists her locks round a long shell hairpin placed horizontally across the back of the head. while she who yows to remain faithful to the dear departed cuts her bair short and combs it plainly back without any parting.

Carlyle and His Home

When the great writer Carlyle was engaged to Miss Welsh the latter influced her mother to consent that Carlyle should live with both of them nti share the advantage of an established house and income. But Carlyle an swered Miss Welsh's proposal by say ing that two households could not livas if they were one and that he would never have any right enjoyment of his wife's company till she was "all his own," adding that the moment he was master of a house the first use he would make of it would be to slam the door against nauseous intruders.

A Piscatorial Gunner.

The jaculator fish, the piscatorial gunner of the Javan lakes, uses hit mouth as a squirt gun and is a marksman of no mean ability. Go to a small lake or pond filled with specimens of jaculators, place a stake or pole in the water with the end projecting from one to three feet above the surface, place a beetle or fly on top of the pole and await developments. Soon the water will be swarming with finny gunners, each anxious for a shot at the tender morsel which the experimenter has placed in full view. Presently one comes to the surface, steadily observes his prey and measures the distance. Instantly he screws his mouth into the funniest shapes imaginable, discharges a stream of water with precision equal to any sharpshooter, knocks the fly or beetle into the water, where he is instantiy devoured by the successful Nimrod or some of his hungry horde. This sport may be kept up as long as the supply of beetles and flies holds out

Odors of Flowers.

It is a remarkable fact that although there are nearly or quite 100,000 flowering plants known the relative number having odor is wonderfully small, not more than 10 per cent, h-Ore. In connection with this it is noteworthy. that because one species of flower is endowed with sweet odor it does not necessarily follow that all or nearly all or even a fair proportion of the other species of the same family will be as favorably endowed. An illustration of this is found in the familiar mignonette. There are some fifty specles of this genus known, and of them all, but one has any fragrance. Nor is it certain that the most insignificant looking flower has the greatest fragrance or the most gorgeously colored likely to be without odor, thus seemingly disproving the theory that color and fragrance are given flowers for the purpose of attracting insects to assist in cross fordilization.

A Certain Cure for Dysentery and Diarrhoea.

"Some years ago I was one of a party that intended making a long bicycle trip. says F. L. Taylor, of New Albany. Bradford County, Pa. "I was taken suddenly with diarrhoea, and was about to give up the trip, when editor Ward, of the Laceyville Messenger, suggested that I take a dose of Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I purchased a bottle and took two doses, one before starting and one on the route. made the trip successfully and never felt any ill effect. Again last summer I was the front left bare except for two locks almost completely run down with an atdungling at the side, and the mar- tack of dysentery. I bought a bottle of mountains, gorges, ravines, water-fails ringeable damsels comb their tresses this same remedy and this time one dose and even cataracts duplicate and even

Reciprocity.

"Sure," said Patrick, rubbing his head with delight at the prospect of a present, "I always mane to do me do, and the one thing not to be missedduty.

ing the year."

"Thank yer honor," replied Pat, "and may all your friends and acquaint East not to miss making a trip on this trute you as liberally."-Londor Telegraph



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An Impromptu Explanation.

The learned Porson was staying at one time with a well known canon of Ely named Jeremiah King. One day at dinner, when they had got into discussion upon questions of etymology, Porson gave a derivation which King considered to be so farfetched as to be quite ridiculous, "You might as well say." said King, "that my name is connected with cucumber." Possibly there was a cucumber on the table. "And so ft is," said Porson. "How so?" asked King. "Why, thus: Jeremlah King, by contraction Jerry King; Jerry King, by contraction and metathesis Gherkin, and gherkin, we know, is a cucumber pickled."

When Robespierre Was "Stung." Under the terror Robespierre used to play a peaceful game of chess at the Cafe Regence, and the story is told of a youth who once challenged him and beat him twice. Robespierre, after his defeat, asked how much he owed, no stakes having been previously fixed. The supposed youth, who in reality was a girl in man's clothes, presented an order for the release of her lover from prison, and Robespierre signed it. Napoleon Bonsparte during his consulship was seen at the famous cafe, but he showed himself no tactician at chess .--London Telegraph.

Just In Hard Luck.

Irate Guest (to waiter)-Look here! Didn't I order a Swiss cheese sandwich?

Polite Walter - Yes, sir, and there It 1s.

Irate Guest-There are two silces of bread, but can you find any cheese on them?

Polite Walter - I'm sorry, sir. The cheese is there all right, only you happened to hit on one of the holes .- New York Times.

She Would Have Had Him. Cladys-Ob, yes, I refused him. I want a man who has known sorrow and acquired wisdom.

Edith-But, my dear, he would have very soon filled that bill if you had accepted htm .- Puck.

Hope says to us at every moment, "Go on! Go on!" and leads us thus to the grave .-- De Maintenon.

The day after a man quits work he is in the way .- Atchison Globs.

The Word "Ragging."

The word "ragging" is more common in England than in this country, even if the custom is not. An English paper asserts that "rag" is not a slang word but is a real old verb, also to be found In use among Icelanders, meaning to banter or irritate. In Lincolnshire and doubtless other counties to provoke a boy is called "getting his rag out." "Bullyrag" is an elaboration of the elementary term, and here also the menu ing is clear. A ragamuffin originally meant a kind of demon.

Evidences of Friendship.

She-Yes, you men have what you call friends, but your friendship is se superficial, so calculating, so watery-He-Oh! But don't you remember David and Jonathan. Damon and Pythias, Goethe and Schiller-

"Yes; but you never brush each other's hair, not show each other your new hats, nor discuss what is best for baby's throat, nor how to make up an old frock, nor anything."

Easy to Make Talk.

Mrs. Closefist-Ob, do give me a new bonnet, my dear! It will set all my friends talking.

Mr. Closefist-If you're after notoriety why don't you get the old one made over? That will make your friends talk twice as much.-Judge.

Chicken Foot Luck.

"Do you think that there is luck in a rabbit's foot?" "Not as much as dar is in a chicken's

foot," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley "provided de res' er de animal is attached."-Washington Star.

Man's Fearful Mechanism.

Every time a man eats he has to mas ticate, insalivate, chymify, chylify and sunguify. No wonder his system is out of order so often .- St. Louis Post-Dis patch.

Brave Man. Ethel-Do you really think the lieutenant will propose to Beth? Edith-Oh, yes. He has several med als for bravery, you know .- Puck.

Unwelcome Advice.

Fortune Teller (to gayly dressed girl) -Your husband will be a poor man-Inless-

Maiden (engerly)-Unless what? "You dress more economically after marriage than you do now."-London Tit-Bits.

Deliberate with caution, but net with decision; yield with graciousness or oppose with firmness.

Every man's task is his life preserver. -Emerson.

Mrs. Fred Unrath, President Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich.

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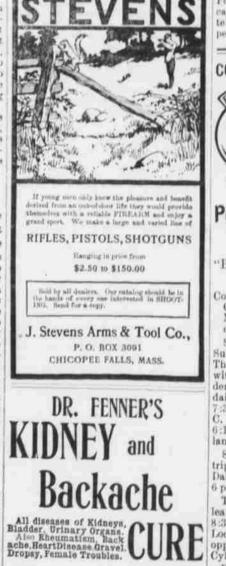
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