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THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY.

Becher's Eloquent Tribute to the Stars and Stripes.

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself, and, whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, it reads chiefly in the flag the government, the principles, the truths, the history which belong to the nation that sets it forth. This nation has a banner, and wherever it streamed abroad men saw day-break burning on their eyes, for the American flag has been the symbol of liberty, and men rejoiced in it. Not another flag on the globe has such an errand or went forth upon the sea carrying everywhere the world around, such hope for the captive and such glorious tidings. The stars upon it were to the plating nations like the morning stars of God, and the stripes upon it were the beams of morning light. And wherever the flag comes and men behold it they see in its sacred blazonry no rampant lion and fierce eagle, but only light, and every fold significant of liberty. Let us then twine each thread of the glorious tissue of our country's flag about our heartstrings, and, looking upon our homes and catching the spirit that breathes upon us from the battle-fields of our fathers, let us resolve, come weal or woe, we will in life and death stand by the Stars and Stripes.—Henry Ward Beecher.

A PLACE TO PLAY AT LIFE.

Trivial Affairs Assume Great Importance In Quito, Ecuador. Every one appears to be entitled to three guesses on the population of Quito, capital of Ecuador. The figures

range from 50,000 to 80,000, with the truth somewhere near the 75,000 attributed to it in Stevenson's time. Though more in touch with the outside world than Bogota, it has much the same atmosphere of a city apart, a peaceful, restful spot, with some of the principal modern conveniences of a crude, break-down-of-the sort, but with little of the complicated life of the great centers of modern days. It is a splendid place to play at life, to be fellow and to catch up with oneself, with nothing more exciting to stir up existence than the evening concert in the Plaza Mayor, where few of the inhabitants do not come to stroll at least once a week. A score of carriages rattle over its cobble streets. The rails of a street car line had already been laid years before our arrival, but the requisite cars had not yet even been ordered. We of more powerful nations hardly realize what it means to live in so small a country until it is brought home by some such incident as hearing the entire congress of Ecuador debate two hours whether it shall or shall not order two electric light bulbs put up in front of the government palace.—Harry A. Frank in Century Magazine.

Sackville Street, Dublin. Dublin is one of the finest cities in the British empire, and its public buildings are second to none. Two very different men have united in its praise. Goldwin Smith said that Phoenix park was the most beautiful of all the parks he had seen, and Greville, even more enthusiastic, wrote: "I am greatly struck by the fineness of the town of Dublin and of its public buildings especially. Dublin is, for its size, a finer city than London, and I think they beat us hollow in their public

buildings. We have no such square as Merrion square nor such a street as Sackville street." Sala in a "Bells of Shandon" vein reviewed all the great streets he had promenade from the Nevski Prospect to Piccadilly. Of them all he says by far the finest is Sackville street, Dublin, as it stretches from the river Liffey to the rotunda and its gardens.

For Fast Shooting.

The rifle for rapid firing should have shotgun trigger pull, shotgun fit, and the slugs must be such as can be caught instantly without effort in alignment. The hands grasp the piece firmly, not with the rifleman's loose grip, but the right draws back, and the trigger is pulled by transferring the drawing back force to the trigger finger and not by any conscious cranking of that finger. The moment the head covers the mark the bullet must be under way, be the aim good or bad.—Outing.

The Little Lacking.

It's a little thing—how splendid of Joe Jarrish to volunteer for that very dangerous job! I'm so glad he got the military medal. Mrs. Mullins used to be venturesome—yes, miss. And she could have got it, too, if he'd dared to have taken the risk.—London Punch.

Diplomatic.

Green Gaffer (to caddy)—What are you looking there for? I must have driven it fifty yards farther than that. Diplomatic Caddy—Yes, sir, but sometimes they hit a stone and bounce back a terrible distance. air.—Boston Transcript.

Enough Without It.

"My wife doesn't say 'boo' when I come home at midnight." "Neither does mine, but she says about everything else in the dictionary."—Boston Transcript.

Don't Do It.

Never suffer your courage to expend itself in heroism, your resolution in obstinacy, your wisdom in cunning nor your patience in silliness and despair.

Write books for half the truths they hold are honored tombs.—George Eliot.

INVESTING MONEY.

What One Bank Has to Say About Real Estate Mortgages.

The president of one of the numerous savings banks of New York city recently gave occasion to resort to statistics to prove his contention that real estate mortgage investments made with intelligence, knowledge of conditions and conservatism were the safest form of investment. His request of clerks for figures brought forth the fact that in the last thirty years his bank had lent upon real estate security the enormous sum of \$80,000,000 and that a loss of but \$35,000 in round figures was incurred in this manipulation during all these years.

Thus the bank has invested of deposits at the rate of \$5,000,000 annually, receiving an average of 5 per cent, or \$250,000, in interest and paying its depositors an average of 4 per cent, or \$200,000, leaving a balance for the bank of \$50,000 annually. Against this surplus there is the comparatively insignificant charge of \$15,000 a year for a period of thirty years.

This record, significant of the not only safe, but profitable business in mortgages, is that of one of the smaller banks in the savings group of New York city.—New York Post.

MADDENING PROFESSIONS.

Your Work and Your Chances of Not Becoming a Lunatic.

In view of the great increase of insanity during recent years, it is interesting to note the various classes of employment which are, more or less, productive of madness.

A French scientist has recently been investigating this question, and his researches go to show that, apart from the terrible nerve strains of war, the military and naval professions are the very worst a man can enter if he wishes to go sane to the grave. Out of every 100,000 who enter the army and navy 150 become confirmed lunatics.

The liberal professions come in as a good second to the army and navy, the list being headed by artists, who are very close followed by lawyers and somewhat more distantly by the clergy, doctors of medicine, men of letters and civil servants. The number of people in these professions who become occupants of lunatic asylums is 177 to each 100,000.

The professional men are run very close by domestic servants and day laborers, of whom 150 out of each 100,000 are sent to the asylum. There is a big falling off before we arrive at the next group, which is that of mechanics, only 63 of whom go mad in each 100,000.

And, curious to relate and contrary to all general belief, the group which is most highly favorable to sanity is that of commercial men, which sends only 42 per 100,000, or one in every 2,380, of its ranks to confinement.

A COMPETENT WITNESS.

In This Case Action Was Much More Eloquent Than Words.

Judge Pollard of St. Louis, originator of a widely known probation system, is the subject of a story illustrating his novel method of dealing with troublesome cases. A driver had been brought before Judge Pollard charged with cruelty to animals. He had been driving a mule, but he had an expert witness in a veterinarian, who testified that the sore on the mule's back did not pain the animal in the least.

The judge listened attentively to the long technical opinion and then demanded to know the mule's whereabouts. He was informed that it was harnessed to a wagon that stood in the

street in front of the courthouse.

The judge then ordered that court be adjourned for five minutes. He took his cane and proceeded to the street, went up to the mule and with the end of his cane gently touched the sore spot on the animal's back. The mule promptly tried to kick the dashboard off the wagon. Once again the judge touched the sore spot with his cane, and the mule responded as before.

Judge Pollard returned to the bench. The prisoner was called before him. "With all due respect to the expert testimony you have had introduced in your behalf to show that the mule's back does not pain him, I will fine you \$50," announced the judge. "I asked the mule if the sore hurt him, and he said it did!"—Exchange.

The Way You Do It.

One reads that Darwin never understood an equation, and the chances are that Isaac Newton could not have passed any examination in literary or scientific subjects with his idea that poetry was ingenious nonsense and statistics only stone dolls. Faraday had no gift for mathematics, and it is a moot question if Napoleon Bonaparte could have passed a college entrance examination in French. But it was their ability to do some one thing well that has turned the world upside down at various times in its forward march, not their inability to do badly what all the world only does moderately well. It makes little difference what you do. The difference lies in the way you do it. The business world is overstocked with poor people looking for good positions, while good positions are waiting for good people to fill them.

Sparrows.

The white-throated and white-crowned sparrows may be told by their names. The fox sparrow is the larger, bright, rufous streaks and big spots on breast. The song sparrow is about the size of an English sparrow, but with a longer tail, streaks and large spot on breast. The clipping and field sparrows are smaller, with no spots on breast. The former has lines on head; the latter is rufous and sings very sweetly.

Essentials of Song Voice.

Many good singers only think their songs. These fall short of the powers they might attain. The listeners hear the music, but they are not thrilled. Other singers have feeling, but they fail to display will. Their voices necessarily lack fiber and are too soft and sentimental. Such singing suggests merely passive sympathy and not the desire to help actively.

Good, honest sentiment and the ring of good will, implying action, are wanted in good music. There is no appeal in the song voice that only wails. The voice of authority and domination is not pleasing. The essentials of the song voice embrace all the singer's powers, faculties and attributes. They include not only will, but also thought and feeling, and that voice is lacking which fails to combine all three of these elements.—Exchange.

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