

EUGENE CITY GUARD.

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IN A WARM CLIMATE.

Some of the Discomforts of Living in a Place Like Guerrero.

Mr. F. R. Guernsey, describing a visit to Guerrero, says that the tarantula is sometimes found there as big as a man's two fists. Scorpions are of all sizes, but the one which does the most harm by its bite is a smallish gray creature.

If a scorpion creeps on the face or hands, the person so visited should carefully refrain from making any movement. He should allow the horrible insect to crawl just where it will. If it is not disturbed, in all likelihood it will do no harm; if it is attacked, it is quite sure to sting.

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Crying Need For Great Reform, Both Civil and Oratorical.

"Whenever the Prince of Wales takes the chair at a public banquet, he makes a rule that the dinner shall not take more than an hour nor the speeches more than an hour."

"If it is true, it is the most welcome piece of news. If it is not true, we ought to govern ourselves in the matter of public dinners exactly as if it were true."

"Can we start a dinner reform association, pledged never to give a dinner of more than four courses? Soup or fish, something roasted or boiled, a bird and a pudding—no one wants more than this."

"And then, as for after dinner speeches? Two or three years ago I sat at a public dinner. We sat down at the usual hour. One speaker—a bad speaker—actually went on for three-quarters of an hour! It was 12:15 when I got up just to say three words."

"The best speech that I ever made in all my life was a certain dinner where I was set down to follow a certain bishop. I had 'put together' my unpretending speech with some care. It contained three divisions, each with a little story and a little epigram. Quite an ambitious attempt it was."

"Well, the bishop went on for fully half an hour. We listened with glassy eyes and faces and we were weary."

"At last he sat down. Then my turn came. I sprang to my feet. I began my beautiful speech. I fired off the first little story and the first little epigram. These were kindly received."

"And then—then quite forgot the other two divisions—stories, epigrams and all—and had to sit down abruptly and pretend there was no more."

"But I received what his right reverend did not—the congratulations and thanks of the assembled multitude.—London Queen."

General Grant's Childhood. In the Century are printed extracts from a rare and curious Japanese life of General Grant. The following is from it:

From the time of his birth he was different from an ordinary baby. His body was large. He weighed 14 lbs., 292 me. As he grew, his thought became deeper accordingly. It was said that his eyes of every color. He showed no color of fear, never over great the sound that came into his ear. When he was not fully 2 years old, his father, Joshi Kunio Girardo, happened to carry him outside of his house, and some bad young men in the neighborhood, looking back at Girardo Kuen, said: "We hear that this baby, as people say, has a brave heart and never fears anything. We will try whether this is true or false." And they went away and got a pistol and gave it to the hand of Girardo Kuen and pulled the trigger. Then came out a bullet like a thunderstorm. The baby was not afraid, and never changed the color of his face, but pointing to the pistol asked another shot. The father, as well as the bad boys, was astonished, and there was no one who did not roll his tongue.

The French Capture of Malta. Yes, it was a sanguine expedition which, all unconscious of its danger, sailed away for Malta. The geographical situation of that island makes it in proper hands the citadel of the Mediterranean, the bulwark of Christendom against heathendom. But the military monks to whom it had been intrusted had grown corrupt and licentious. French agents had already been among them, and such was their timidity at the approach of Bonaparte that after the merest show of resistance to his demands the gates of an almost impregnable fortress were dishonorably opened to the French republic without a blow.

Waiting only to garrison this easy conquest and to establish a French administration, Bonaparte hastened on, and therefore fell in good condition anchored off Alexandria on June 30. With a few casualties the troops were landed, and the vessels were left to cruise along the shore and to destroy the English when they should appear.—Professor Elouane's "Life of Napoleon" in Century.

Waterproofing. To make materials waterproof, mix together one pound of sugar and one pound of alum, powdered separately, and pour over it 2 quarts of boiling water. Let stand for six hours and bottle for use. It should be applied with a sponge or soft brush until the material is thoroughly wet. It should then be ironed and hung up to dry.

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