

STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR.



Negotiation are said to be going on between France and Spain whereby France is to secure territory on the coast of Morocco directly opposite Britain's formidable and famous rock of Gibraltar, thus competing with Great Britain for control of the entrance to the Mediterranean. Russia is credited with having agreed to the arrangement, and Spain's compensation is to be France's support in the war against the United States.

SHERMAN IN RETIREMENT.

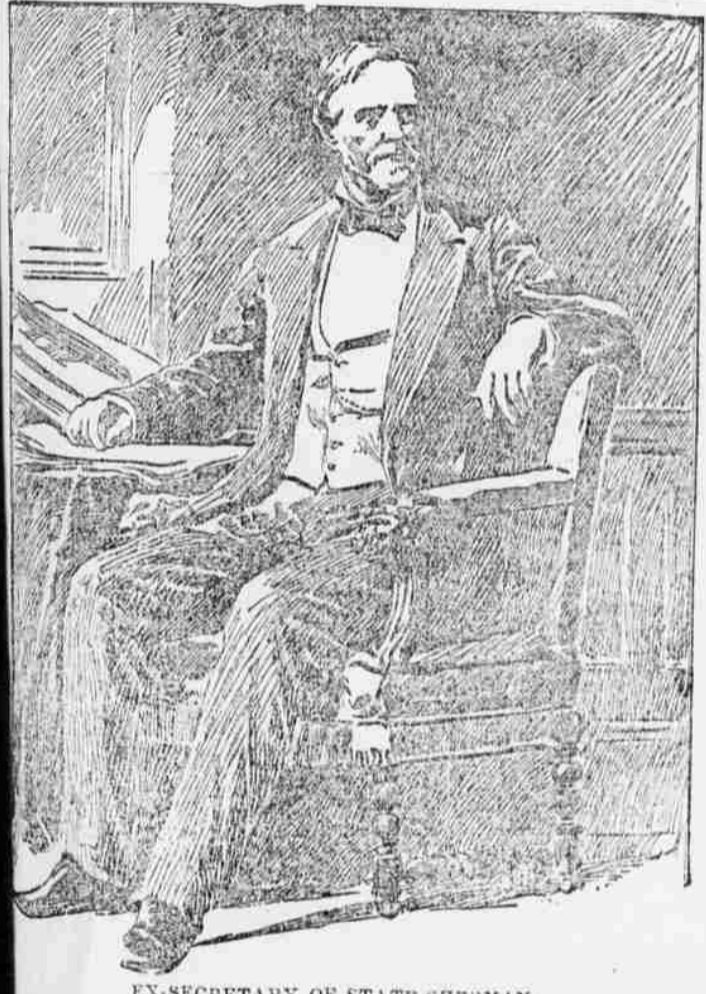
How the Famous Old Statesman Is Spending His Declining Days.

Every evening after dinner an old man sits at the library window in his handsome white stone house, in K street, Washington, and watches the people as they pass along the street or gaze abstractedly at the beautiful park across the way, says a correspondent. He holds a cigar in his hand, but he seems to smoke little. He sits there quietly till the man comes in to turn on the lights. Then he gets up and seats himself by the table covered with the papers of the day and his favorite books, or goes upstairs to join his family in the sitting-room. This is John Sherman, the statesman who has been a conspicuous figure in the affairs of the nation for more than two score years, and is now entering upon a period of well-earned rest.

An old neighbor or a distant relative can always find the way through the

manner. The deeper notes which go to make up her droning song are due to the rapid vibration of the female insect's wings as she flies; and these vibrations are found by means of a siren (an instrument which measures the frequency of the waves in notes) to amount to about 3,000 in a minute. The mosquito's wings must therefore move with this extraordinary rapidity, which sufficiently accounts for the difficulty we have in catching one. But the higher and shriller notes of the complex melody are due to special stridulating organs situated like little drums on the openings of the air tubes; for the adult mosquito breathes no longer by one or two air entrances on the tail or back, like the larva, but by a number of spiracles, as they are called, arranged in rows along the sides of the body and communicating with the network of internal air chambers.

The curious mosquito music thus generated by the little drums serves al-



EX-SECRETARY OF STATE SHERMAN.

formality of Sherman's manner to his kindly heart. Although he will probably make occasional visits to his home in Ohio, Mr. Sherman will continue to live in Washington. He has established his home there and has large investments in real estate and other Washington properties.

THE MOSQUITO'S SONG.

Original. Not a War Cry—How to Catch the Insect.

You can best observe the mosquito by letting one settle undisturbed on the back of your hand, and while she fills herself with blood; you can easily watch her as she goes with a pocket lens. Like the lady in "Pickwick," she is soon filling wisely. She gorges herself with blood, indeed, which she straightly digests, assimilates, and converts into eggs. But if, while she is filling, you gently and unobtrusively stroke the skin of your hand by rubbing your flat hand, you will find she cannot any longer withdraw her proboscis; they are caught fast in the mesh by their own harpoon-like heads, and there she must stop accordingly all you choose to release her. If you then kill her in the usual manner, a smart slap of the hand, you will find that she is literally full of blood, having sucked a good drop of it.

The humming sound itself by which the mosquito announces her approach is produced in two distinct

most beyond a doubt as a means of attracting male mosquitoes, for it is known that the long hairs on the antennae of the males vibrate sympathetically in unison with the notes of a tuning-fork, within the range of the sounds emitted by the female. In other words, hair and drums just answer to one another. We may, therefore, reasonably conclude that the female sings in order to please and attract her wandering mate, and that the antennae of the male are organs of hearing which catch and respond to the buzzing music she pours forth for her lover's ears. A whole swarm of gnats can be brought down, indeed, by uttering the appropriate note of the race; you can call them somewhat as you can call male glow worms by showing a light which they mistake for the female.—Strand Magazine.

Organ Played by Electricity.

Electricity is used to operate a newly designed pipe organ, the keys closing circuits, which operate magnetic coils, to control the air valves, and the stops being operated by switches arranged above the keyboard.

Ancient Keys of Metal.

Keys of bronze and iron have been found in Greece and Italy dating from at least the seventh century before Christ.

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Scrofula

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The geographical statistical tables of Otto Hubner place the population of the globe at 1,535,000,000.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

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SAILORS AND THEIR GRIEVANCES.

The grievances of sailors examined by the authorities in ports of entry, where the seamen belong, often turn out to be imaginary or greatly exaggerated. But there are plenty of true and conscientious seamen who abuse their crews. Violence is always objectionable, and pointedly so when it is directed upon an unfortunate liver, stomach or bowels by dosing with drastic purgatives which weaken the intestines. Use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Torpedo-Carrying Balloon.

A Virginian has designed a torpedo carrying balloon which has the explosive suspended by a number of cords, with a guide rope to assist in holding it until it reaches the right current of air to carry it toward the enemy, when a second cord is pulled which ignites a slow fuse to drop the torpedo at the proper place.

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