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OUR WAR THAT DID NOT HAPPEN.

There is a striking similarity betwen the feelings of the Russians toward Americans at the present time and the sentiments of Frenchmen 100 years ago. "Ungrateful Americans," the Russians call us. The Frenchmen used harder names.

For what France did for us in the war of the revolution our gratitude always was and always has been profound, but it was perfectly well understood that France's larger part in American affairs at that time was due very materially to a desire for revenge upon the British.

a good thing for America that France took a hand in the game. Frenchmen helped to win Yorktown.

But gratitude, however sincere and generous, can never keep down those mere sturdy promptings of the heart. Genet, their first minister, came over, tried to drag us into another war with Great Britain, and acted as if he owned the country. It was quite necessry that he should go back home. Then, when this government made the Jay treaty with Great Britain, France expressed her anger, ordered our minister to leave, and began to capture American vessels. Our commissioners, sent to Paris, were approached with requests for bribes. The correspondence with the French officials on this subject, afterward published in full, carried very high the popular cry, "Millions for defense, not one cent for tribnte." Indeed, matters went so far that an army was raised; Washington, then 68, came forth and commanded it; warships were built, and Truxton captured two French frigates, all of which led to a bet thing and ceased her high-handed proceedings.

Frenchmen have never quite excused this chapter in American history, and a few of them are inclined could do. It is not likely, in view of this, that the from date of sale. Tickets will be to call it American ingratitude, forgetting that any Japanese have fallen into any Russian trap as yet. other course on the part of the people would have They have a small flotilla of torpedo vessels at the been the surrender of their manliness and independ- mouth of the Yalu, and it is quite possible that, if trip passengers can stop at their pleasence. Fortunately, the strain between the United they do effect a landing in force on the Manchurian ure west of the Missouri river or St. States and Russia is nothing like so strong as that side of the stream, they will keep in touch with their Paul. These rates apply via direct between the United States and France, but because fleet and establish a new base at some of the harbors Russia gave the union moral support in the civil on the Manchurian side, thus shortening anew their war her statesmen conceive it to be our duty to line of communication. sympathize with her in her present trouble.

president, and secretary of state, and congress, and son's eatch of salmon, despite the warning of the all our other bodies have not influence enough, or sage that chickens should not be enumerated before law enough, or authority enough to control that in- they are hatched. definable but potent something called public sentiment, even if they so desired.

this sentiment in America since the war began. At rocky road of life in a buggy without springs to it. first it seemed to be largely the feeling that goes to the little fellow in he fight. Then Japan's success and Russia's unpreparedness had something to do fond of their husbands. The fact is, women are with its increase and the outburst of the paragraph- fond of most anything they can drive. ers, who undoubtedly wield an influence upon the surface though and conversation of the day. But as the war has settled down to business there has been ing injures the mind, but the average eigarette a calmer canvass of the situation, and on the whole Russia has small cause to complain of America's fairness. Indeed, the warmest hope among our people seems to be that this government shall not get into any part of the quarrel.-Saturday Evening Post.

## DEFINITION OF A KISS.

it's the proper thing to do when they are ready and is rich. the heart is willing; plural number because two perform it, common gender, because it is performed by one of each sex, possessive case, because it possesses a delicate infatuation for the human race and agrees with the parties performing the act. Kissing is closely connected wth "buss," which is a good old backwoods expression meaning a kiss that is highly enjoyed by two greenhorns who have powerful lungs to perform the act with. In this case buss means one kiss; rebus means kiss again; pluribus means a number of kisses; hornibus means to be caught by the old folks; merriribus means to steal a kiss; symplibus means to kiss the hands instead of the lips; blunderbus means to kiss an old maid by mistake, and omnibus means to kiss all present, including the mother-in-law. - Exchange.

# TO YOUNG MEN.

The young man of today is asking the question: "What shall I do?" No one can answer this ques-

tion but yourself, and the sooner you answer it and act upon your decision the better it will be for you. Make up your mind to do something that will be honorable, and do it quickly and persistently. Remember that every record to true success runs through a high and righteous purpose. Don't wait for something to turn up like Ficawber did, but go out and turn it up. That something is waiting to be turned up, and if you do not turn it up, someone else will.

The world admires and applauds a hustler, and there is no promise anywhere of success to either the lazy man or the coward. Courage is as necessary to success in the peaceful pursuits of life as on the battlefield, and in neither place can victory be achieved without it.

- "Lives of great men all around us, We can make our lives sublime; And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.
- "Footprints that perhaps another Sailing o'er life's troubled main; A forlorn and shipwrecked brother Seeing may take hold again.

"Let us then be up and doing, With a heart for any fate Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

The world is full of successful men and women, who get there by courage, industry and honesty, and And right well did the plan work. Still, it was the shores of time are strewn with the wrecks of lives who lacked these winning qualities. Success knocks at the door of everyone, and he who succeeds welcomes it and embraces the opportunity offered while he who fails in the battle of life had not the courage to enter the field and strve for the prize.

A small Japanese force has succeeded in crossing the Yalu river and effecting a lodgment on the Manchurian side of that stream. The Russian opposition to the crossing does not seem to have been either very fierce or prolonged. It is altogether probable that the Russians would be glad to see the Japanese cross the Yalu in considerable force. There is no bridge as yet across the Yalu, and a wide and deep river between the Japanese army and its base would not be an ideal condition of affairs for the Japanese army. With their usual free talking, Russian officers have given it out several times that they hoped the Japter understanding in which France did the proper snese would cross the Yalu and that they would not Chicago and St. Louis the round trip very seriously oppose the passage, although. of rate will be \$75.00. course, they would inflict all of the damage that they

Unfortunately, they do not understand that our Salmon packers are quoting prices for this sea-

Without any sense of humor life would be a cold. It has been interesting to watch the expression of cheerless waste. It would be like traveling over the

Some women are fond of fine horses, and some are

It is said from good authority that eigarette smoksmoker has not got a mind.

It is useless for you to pray to God to take the root of evil out of your enemies as long as you keep cultivating the old stock.

A man should not marry for money, but he should Kiss is a noun, it is a name; proper noun because not let a girl become an old maid just because she

> "As righteousness tendeth to life, so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death."-Solomon.

> Love is said to be blind, but marriage is an institution that sometimes opens the eyes of the blind.

> An engagement is as good as a marriage, and in many instances it is much better.

> He is surely most in need of another's patience who has none of his own.-Selected.

the least to say .- Prior.

"The average man who smokes tobacco sacrifices 10 years of his life."

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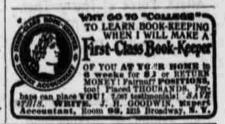
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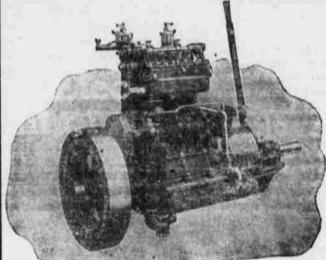
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