



CALIFORNIA'S FAIR.

California Midwinter International Exposition—Department of Publicity and Promotion.

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Decoration day was celebrated at the California Midwinter Exposition in a manner which was calculated to make glad the hearts of all old veterans and their friends, rather than to make them sad. In San Francisco, as in every other large city in the United States, Memorial day is historical. There is always a procession in which the veterans play an important part, and there are orations and grave visitings everywhere. But that portion of the celebration which centered at the exposition followed on after the downtown demonstration and was of quite a different character.

Rev. Dr. T. de Witt Talmage of Brooklyn Tabernacle fame, happening to be in San Francisco for a day or two on his trip around the world, was induced by the exposition management to talk for an hour at the exposition on this occasion, and Festival Hall was packed to the doors with an eager listening audience. The well known pulpit orator had no time for preparation of an elaborate speech, but he spoke extemporaneously as if from an inspiration. His address was said by those who have often heard him to have been one of the finest efforts of his life. It had been preceded by patriotic airs, rendered by the exposition band, but it was in itself at once a requiem, an anthem, a symphony and an allanajah. There were hundreds of old war veterans in the audience, and widows and orphans of those who fell upon their country's battlefields, and eyes were wet with tears and faces were wreathed in smiles alternately during the delivery of this wonderful speech. From the exposition standpoint Talmage proved a big drawing card. There were doubtless very many people on the grounds who were drawn here by the fact that there was to be something in the line of a memorial exercise as well as a spectacular demonstration.

The spectacular demonstration consisted of a grand afternoon and evening parade made up of nearly a score of floats representing different features of history during the wars in which America has been engaged. These floats were really magnificent creations of artistic skill, and the whole affair was managed with great success. One of the floats represented Washington Crossing the Delaware. The boat was in the midst of an ice floe, and was manned by officers and men in old continental uniforms and everything about it was in keeping with the subject. Another float represented "Farragut's Flagship" at the battle of Mobile. This was an exact reproduction of the famous old war vessel, and a man looking for all the world like the pictures of the admiral stood in the rigging and gave his commands to a real sailor crew. Another float represented the "Surrender of Vera Cruz. There was a tent surrounded with shrubbery; the Mexican and American flags, the soldiers of both armies and all the appurtenances for historical precision.

In addition to these floats representing individual historical incidents, there was an immense float called "A Tribute to the Dead," entirely draped in mourning, but relieved from utter somberness by 48 beautifully dressed children and a Goddess of Liberty, each child bearing a floral wreath on which was the name of one of the states or territories of the United States. Another float represented "The Soldier's Return." On it was a cabin with trees and shrubbery in the doorway, the anxious wife and children peering from the portal and the soldier coming back from the war, battle-scarred but crowned with victory.

There were other allegorical floats as well as historical floats in the parade. One of these represented "The Triumphs of War." This was in the form of a floral arch containing twenty scrolls, upon each of which was the name of a leading American general. This float was profusely decorated with flowers of every sort, as indeed were all the other floats. Flowers were utilized on every hand and the entire parade was as much a floral display as the grand festival a fortnight earlier. A great deal of interest also centered in a float representing the Ambulance service, where a part of an old ruin had been improvised into a field hospital and where doctors and nurses were ready to operate upon the wounded. Other floats were "Crowning of the Victors," "Cadets and Marines," and "The Battle of Big Tree," the latter representing a scene during the recent Indian wars with real Indians in ambush behind trees, brush, rocks, etc., with an attacking party of white soldiery in the foreground.

This parade moved round and round the grand central court of the exposition, starting at 8:30 p. m. Three bands were in the parade and an escort of military to each float. The scene was decidedly impressive and one of the most interesting thus far witnessed at the exposition. In the evening the parade was repeated with the added effects of illuminations. Forty-two platforms had been erected around the central court and red fire and other fireworks were discharged from these during the entire time of the parade. The wonderful Bonet Electric Steel Tower was brilliantly illuminated at the same time also, and the entire electrical illumination of the exposition was all in force. The result was the grandest illumination ever seen on the Pacific Coast. The central court was as light as day, with all the added beauties of color, and those who witnessed this demonstration agreed that it surpassed any previous effort of the kind that had been attempted in connection with the exposition.

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GREAT SHOWER OF STARS.

It Made Many People Believe That the End of the World Had Come.

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Seldom has nature exhibited a scene of greater or more awful sublimity. A resident of the vicinity of Niagara falls gives the following account of this, the grandest display of natural fireworks:

"The two leading powers in nature, water and fire, seemed to engage in an emulative display of their grandeur. The deafening roar of the cataract filled the mind of the spectator with an infinitely heightened sense of sublimity when its waters were lightened by the glare of the meteoric torrent in the sky. In many parts of the country the people were stricken dumb, imagining that the end of the world had come. Others, whose education and vigor of mind prevented them from yielding to such terrors, were nevertheless vividly reminded of the grand description in the Apocalypse, where it says: 'The stars of heaven fell into the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind.'" In 1832 a similar celestial exhibition, though of lesser magnitude, was witnessed along the Ohio river and off the coast of Spain; the year before, 1831, a great "fall of stars" was reported by Capt. Hammonds, of the British vessel Retitution, then sailing in the Indian ocean. It is rather remarkable that such of these "star showers" occurred on the night of November 13.

TO PREVENT SEASICKNESS.

Sundry Theories, Wise and Otherwise, Regarding Its Treatment.

For the prevention of seasickness a curious notion seems to be common that the stomach should be kept as full as possible, says the Lancet. This has been seen stout old men and women take with praiseworthy persistence—had the result been satisfactory—biscuits, brandy and soda, apples, a pint of porter, a red herring and various other edibles and potables with an entire want of success in retaining them, a course of procedure peculiarly trying to those who happen to be standing, or, rather, lying on the verge of the act of vomiting. Were we to counsel those who are liable to this affection we should recommend as follows: Take a moderate meal two hours before going on board. Remain on deck amidsthips, well protected against cold, as long as possible. As soon as the premonitory symptoms appear retire to the berth, undress as quickly as possible and lie flat on the back for the first twelve or twenty-four hours without food. Then take a small portion of dry bread and roast beef without fluid; this the stomach will probably retain. If there is much movement of the vessel lie quiet again or even go upon deck, and in the course of thirty-six or forty-eight hours the system will have recovered itself and no further trouble will be experienced. It is a mistake to introduce a quantity of fluid, even of strong coffee, into the flaccid stomach, but if sickness persists a glass of champagne will probably prove serviceable. In some few persons quinine or antipyrin, chloral or potassium bromide may act well, but as a rule medicine of all kinds should be eschewed by those who do not wish to aggravate what is already hard to bear.

UNTHINKING YOUTH.

The "Mental Grasp" of Sweet Girl Graduates.

"I was mother confessor at the queerest confessional the other day," writes the Autoerast of the Tea Table in the Minneapolis Times. "One of the sweet, attractive girls, whom everybody likes, said to me, with real concern in her voice: 'Do you know, I never think.' I tried not to smile at her seriousness, and replied, consolingly: 'Well, my dear, you could not expect to grapple with abstract problems at your age.' But she was not to be consoled. 'No, but, literally, I cannot think, abstractly or concretely, or any other way. I never reason anything out like other people.'"

"Yet she is a girl of unusual intelligence and a high school graduate. It seems to me there is something radically wrong with a system of education that can produce such results. Training is too much a matter of knowledge, and too little a matter of growth. A big for all the facts that can be learned a few good books of reference would answer the purpose of education, if knowledge were all it gave. It should give rather mental grasp and balance, and a perfect understanding and control of every faculty.

"Mental grasp? Fancy accusing our sweet girl graduates, or our boy graduates either, of possessing it. They know little more of using their brains than when they began their education. What two young people were overheard to talk sense for more than five minutes together? What young person has the least conception, unless he has happened to stumble upon it by natural tendencies, of the pleasure of independent thinking? There are few delights so satisfactory as that of observing, reasoning, drawing deductions and then finding in a flash of recognition that you have discovered for yourself some truth you have heard all your life and never fully comprehended. If only the fevered, hurrying world would stop to think. If only the youth of the day were trained in the lost art of reasoning!"

How the Duchess Managed It.

The orthography of our great-grand-mother was uncertain. The old Duchess of Gordon used to say to her cronies: "You know, my dear, when I don't know how to spell a word I always draw a line under it; and if it is spelled wrong it passes for a very good joke, and if it is spelled right it don't matter."

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